

REPORT FROM YOUR BOARD

Winter, 2019 Jim Brady, President

As 2019 draws to a close, I thought it would be helpful to look back and review a few highlights from the past year. In the December 2018 year end edition of What's Happening, we noted, "2018 has proven to be an extremely busy year and 2019 looks like it is going to be much of the same."

The year 2018 was a **planning** year as we had several very important meetings involving Geranium senior officials and the newly elected Scugog council members. We held numerous informal meetings with Kevin Heritage, the Director of Development for the Township, followed by further meetings with the Mayor, Bobby Drew, Regional Councilor, Wilma Wotten, our Ward Councilor, Lance Brown and Geranium Executive Vice-President Cheryl Sindruk.

These planning meetings were arranged for the purpose of obtaining information about the current and projected plans for the development and a timetable for when certain construction activities were to begin and be completed. So, 2019 became our **doing** year as our plans are finally being realized and actual results can now be seen.

Construction:

In mid-January we met once again with members of Geranium and the assigned building architect and landscape consultants were included in these discussions. We determined that the current timetable for the closure and handover of The Centre building, pool and associated amenities to Geranium was to be May 1st and it was anticipated that the work to be done would last approximately 8 - 10 months, depending on weather and any unforeseen events.

On April 17, 2019 we hosted a Town Hall Meeting at The Centre. Presentations were made by Geranium Corporation, to bring everyone up to speed on the development and by Greenwood Retirement Communities who provided an overview of their plans for the new retirement residence. We learned from Greenwood that they will be building one and two-bedroom apartments, with full kitchens and other apartments with one bedroom and kitchenettes. There will be no long-term care at all in this facility. The building will be four stories high and there will be one level of parking under the building along with the outdoor parking.

Geranium confirmed that they would start in early/mid-May to move the earth from the 5th hole to the 9th hole, depending on the weather and road conditions. This was delayed for a short period, but Geranium has now completed the initial earthwork activity, of moving the topsoil from Phase 1 to be stored on the former 6th fairway. As residents along Coulter will attest to, it was a difficult time for them with the dust and traffic and it is a relief for them to have it over.

We also understand that all the parties involved are anxious to get the retirement residence project underway as soon as possible and a preliminary targeted start date of spring of 2020 has been mentioned. This timing will, of course, be dependent on the required approvals of the site plan not running into any unexpected hurdles and the timely issuance of all needed permits.

The Centre:

The work at The Centre seems to be on schedule as the floor leveling has now been completed, the building is now heated, electrical components have been installed, the dry walling has been completed and all the doors and windows are in place.

In April CTC announced the Electronics Coordination Project which was to be managed by John Rintoul and Vern Reynolds. The object of this project was to coordinate and research the impact of changes to the location or relocation of the electronic devices being used in The Centre. John and Vern diligently worked on this project and their recommendations have been accepted by CTC and the Board of Directors. In June CCRA requested and negotiated an agreement with Geranium in order to ensure a clear understanding of the expectations of both parties during the renovation and expansion of The Centre. This agreement specified the agreed upon procedures and limits that each party would follow in order to ensure safety, security and order during the project.

Our Community:

The Communications Committee met with the Director of Marketing for Geranium to discuss including information about the new development in our Canterbury Common Brochure and creating a link to our website and this has now been completed.

A milestone of sorts was reached in October as the settlement pond, by The Centre, was finally cleaned out and repaired. CCRA Community Liaison Directors advocated for this for several years starting with Marilyn Stafford, Mark Brewer, David Thompson and Ron Zamulinski and I think Harvey Graham was also involved when he had the joint task of President and Community Liaison.

In November we met with Township and Region of Durham officials once again to express our concerns about the existing entry and exit of vehicle traffic at Country Estates and Simcoe, as it is a significant safety issue.

The trailer has been well used by our card players and the meeting room is in constant use. Our Social Committee has been very active in organizing events that have helped keep our residents entertained and in touch with each other and the Communications Committee has kept us well informed with *The Chronicle* and the monthly *CCRA Information Bulletin*. House & Property and Administration have kept our organization running smoothly and Governance continues to administer the Protective Restrictions. Life goes on in Canterbury.

And finally, as we predicted, we have had an extremely busy 2019, but it has been gratifying to see the many results that have been achieved by our dedicated volunteers. The new year will bring more positive results and we should all take a moment to count our blessings for living where we do, having friends and neighbours we enjoy and being able to look forward to a bright future for Canterbury.

In this issue of *The Chronicle* we will get a brief update on the Oak Ridges Hospice and look at some events in Port Perry for the holidays. We will be introducing our *Bits & Pieces* page in this issue. We are hoping it will become a great place to insert short but important pieces into *The Chronicle*.

I wish you all the best in the coming year and a very Merry Christmas to all.

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ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Murray Smith, Chair

Let's make our new Centre greener!

In March, we will be opening the doors to our new Centre. This will be the perfect time to make it "Greener". The time has come for everyone to do whatever we can to help with the environmental issues that are in the news so often these days. There are many things that we can do at Canterbury to make a difference.

We need to change some of our habits. Some things that are "convenient" need to be put aside to make change happen. Some will be easy, while others may be a bit of a nuisance, but overall, well worth the effort. We want to produce less waste at the Centre while also creating less maintenance. This is our goal. It won't happen overnight, but gradually we can make a difference.

Here are some ideas to get us started:

• Many products we carry become stale dated and have to be discarded. First on the list, are coffee creamers and soft drinks. These two culprits are a maintenance nightmare for our volunteers. We discard far more than we use. We need to eliminate both of them. We would instead stock only 2% milk and powdered creamers.



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- As we will have Reverse Osmosis water in the building, we plan to eliminate bottled water. This is also a high maintenance item. We urge residents to bring their own drinking vessels with them. We had already eliminated throwaway cups prior to the closing of the Centre, now drinking straws and stir sticks will also be eliminated.
- We plan on installing hand dryers in the washrooms to save on paper towels. This would save purchasing paper towels and adding them to the land fill. And again, less maintenance.
- We will be sourcing permanent, vinyl table cloths for our dinner tables to save having to discard the plastic ones after each use. This is a huge waste issue.

I hope everyone agrees, it's time for us to think "Green". Implementing these initiatives will be a good start in getting us on our way to a greener Centre. I'm sure we can come up with even more ideas to bring about positive change.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Martha Simmons, Chair

As I am stepping down, Nora Senechal will be taking over as the Chairperson effective January 1, 2020. She has already been very involved in the committee working on *The Chronicle* and also holding the Board Liaison position so I know she will do a great job.

Over the last seven years, I have really enjoyed being a member of this committee, which I believe performs a key role in our community, providing an informative and well-designed website, a professional quarterly newsletter, the monthly bulletin, the Canterbury Common brochure and other communication publications. It has been a rewarding experience but I now feel that it is time for me to explore other interests.

We are fortunate in Canterbury and our broader community of Port Perry to have a number of avenues we can explore to volunteer our time and energy, and in the process have the added benefit of keeping our minds and bodies active.

For those of you who enjoy 'the written word' and research, working on the Communications Committee could be just right for you. Give me a call at 982-1330 or Nora at 982-0601 if you think you might be interested.

In this issue, you will notice that we have introduced a new section "*Bits & Pieces*". We plan to use this section for all short notices, reminders and alerts, specific to Canterbury. *The Chronicle* could still use new advertisers. If you think of anyone (e.g. a contractor, local merchant or other service provider) who might be interested in advertising in *The Chronicle* please email <u>chronicle@canterburycommon.ca</u>.

As I leave this committee, I would like to take a moment to thank my committee members for all that they do on behalf of our community. Karen English, as our webmaster, performs an invaluable service. Her dedication, expertise and "know-how" have allowed us to have a very user-friendly website that is both current and very informative. I have already mentioned Nora Senechal, but would like to add that, shortly after moving into Canterbury, Nora started to volunteer, anxious to help out in a number of areas and joined our committee where she has brought new ideas and taken on more and more responsibility. Wendy Lang, who assists with work on a number of CCRA committees, does an amazing job with all of the material we send her for *The Chronicle*. She uses her "magic" to create just the right formatting, assortment of photos and interesting borders and graphics. She is also responsible for the advertiser accounts. Dave McBride, a long-standing committee member, works on obtaining new advertisers for *The Chronicle* and is also the one to give us a *Smile of the Day* in our meetings and in print in *The Chronicle*. Lucille Huron, as our Secretary, has done a super job, often having to decipher a lot of the more technical discussion from our meetings. Alice Lynch, an English major, acts as our expert proof reader and does an impeccable job. Linda Kaban assists with proofreading of *The Chronicle*, writing articles and also does a great job in preparing the Canterbury residents' obituary notices.



FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Update

The Q2 financial statements were presented to the CCRA Board, with the following summary:

- Total income is currently at 99% of plan.
- Operating expenses are tracking well under plan (as forecasted) with the closure of The Centre.

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• Some of the surplus Operating Funds will be carried forward at fiscal year-end to assist with the Operating Fund assessment while additional monies will be transferred to the Capital Fund.

The following Replacement Reserve Fund projects have been committed, completed and/or are currently in progress (as of

Nov 1^{st}):

- Roof/eaves troughing
- Centre floor repair
- Sound system pre-wiring
- Sewage pipe repair

Deck replacement

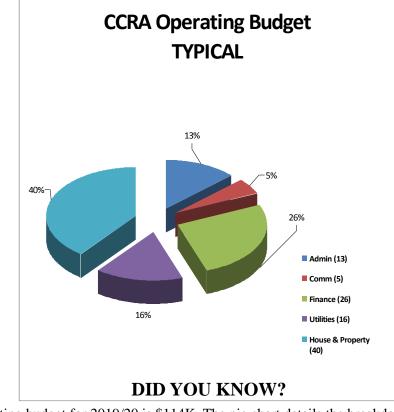
- Alarm system pre-wiring
- Tables/Chairs
 - Front /side doors
- WIFI replacement

The following Capital Fund projects have been committed, completed and/or are currently in progress (as of Nov 1st):

- Deck enhancements
- Video display pre-wiring

The following is an abbreviated explanation of the elements comprising each expense sector of the CCRA Operating Budget:

- Administration (13%): janitorial, meetings, Centre improvements
- Communications (5%): *The Chronicle* production, website
- Finance (26%): Insurance, legal, audit, bookkeeping, taxes
- Utilities (16%): Cable, hydro, gas, water, telephone
- House & Property (40%): Fire alarm, grounds maintenance, pool maintenance, HVAC maintenance, Centre exterior maintenance and repair



The CCRA operating budget for 2019/20 is \$114K. The pie chart details the breakdown of a typical year.



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GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Approval Process

Every so often a Canterbury resident will proceed with a project, prior to getting the approval of the Governance committee and when contacted will explain, that he or she had no idea that approval must be received before a project can be started.

When this occurs our committee needs to remind ourselves that there are people who may have never read the Protective Restrictions or who missed the important message to call our Committee before starting the project. This also indicates that it is important to communicate to our residents on a regular basis. What follows is our procedure for the approval of projects.

- 1. After the initial contact with the homeowner we request drawings and a description of the project.
- 2. We then arrange a meeting with the homeowner.
- 3. If it is a simple replacement without changes in size or other such issues and not requiring approval, we provide a letter signed by the Governance Committee Chairperson.
- 4. If it is not a simple replacement, at the meeting with the Homeowner, we either give pre-approval or non-approval and provide the rational for our decision.
- 5. Once we pre-approve the project we -
 - send a preliminary approval letter to the owner, asking the Homeowner to contact us when the project is finished.
 - ask the Homeowner to consult with their neighbours who may be affected by the project to let them know what is to be built. Any objections, which are reasonable, in the opinion of the Committee, will be resolved by adjustments to the project.
 - add the project to the list of current uncompleted projects on the bulletin board at The Centre.
- 6. The Homeowner contacts us upon completion of the project, to arrange a meeting for the final inspection.
- 7. A final approval letter is given to the Homeowner for retention and a copy is placed in the house file at The Centre. There is a file, by address, for every home in Canterbury.
- 8. The project is then removed from the posted list of current projects.

We need the help of all residents to ensure that the Governance Committee is aware that you would like to begin a project, outside your home, prior to its start. The approval discussion does not take long and you will find our committee members helpful in walking you through the process.

Thanks go out to all of you who have been so cooperative in working with us to keep the appearance and ambience of Canterbury unique and pleasant.

HOUSE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Dave Sparling, Chair

The House and Property Committee has been working with Geranium and several suppliers to replace the north and west doors to The Centre with new wheelchair accessible doors. These will be in place for the opening of The Centre. We are also working on purchasing new shelving for the storage areas of the new wing of The Centre.

With the onset of winter weather, a shovel and broom have been placed inside the south door of the trailer. Please clean off the ramp and salt it if it hasn't been done by TYSYD. Let's keep this area safe for our use.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

SOUTH POND CLEAN OUT

The Canterbury Common South Pond cleanout and rehabilitation is 99% complete, other than a few items and deficiencies that the project manager has noted for next spring, after the seed and planting begins taking root. Currently the project manager is patiently waiting for the pond to fill enough to check the operation of the outlets but he does not anticipate any issues.



Ron Zamulinski, Chair

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Birgit Pullen, Chair

We had a wonderful turnout for the Happy Hour on October 25th and decided that with the long winter months ahead of us, we will continue with this get-together. The next Happy Hour is scheduled for December 27th from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., come to the trailer with your drink for some chatty conversations with your neighbours!

The Social Committee organized a bowling afternoon in Uxbridge on November 13th. With eighteen brave souls attending a fun time was had by all. Quite a few strikes were celebrated with a lot of cheering going on. Look for our pictures on page 18. This might be an event that we would like to repeat another time during the winter. Let us know what you think.

We are hoping to bring back "Coffee Hour" in the spring, once we have our Centre back. If you are interested in convening this Thursday morning event, please let me know. We are looking for someone who will look after booking speakers on a weekly/bi-weekly or even monthly basis. If interested, please contact me at <u>birgit.pullen@gmail.com</u>

As always, our ability to offer and run these events is dependent on volunteers. Not sure what to expect? No worries, our committee members will always give guidance and welcome you with open arms! Our next Social Committee meeting is on Monday, January 6th at 9:00 a.m. in the trailer. Please feel free to join us!

SCRAMBLE GOLF & SOCIAL

George Clapham, Chair

Thanks to everyone who made 2019 Scramble Golf a success. Thanks to the weather for co-operating all summer and fall after a wet spring. Thanks to Crestwood Golf Club and especially Bruce Grant and his helpful staff. The Scramble Golf and Social Committee look forward to another successful season in 2020.

We always welcome new aspiring golfers, so please join us on the course. Scramble will hold its registration in mid April 2020 (date to be announced) and begin its season on April 30^{th} (hopefully).

Next season we will return to our "new centre" for our Thursday afternoon/evening festivities. We will be depending on weekly volunteers and committee members to ensure that each Thursday is special. Volunteers play a vital role in organizing and running the approximate 23 weeks of our golf season. Please respond to our committee as we ask for volunteers throughout the season or speak to one of our committee members right now.

We look forward to 2020 with anticipation.

"SCRAMBLES", As shared by Ken Jackson

Scrambled eggs are individuals until we break them and mix them together which now makes in our case "golf scrambles" scrambled eggs are soft-warm and homogenised again just like our scrambles group.

This group has to be recognised for the coming together over the years and certainly over the last year for not having a club house and four years for not having a golf course.

They persevered however and found "Crestwood Golf Club" who generously took them in and blended in with them into a homogenous mass called the *Canterbury Scrambles*. The format was kept the same where possible. Golf drinks-dinner-prizes and entertainment which was, and still is, a recipe for a warm-happy and supportive group of people.

Margaret and I had the pleasure of attending the dinner portion on the 12th of September last as guests. It was my 80th birthday and the evening for us revolved around this event. I just had to get up and congratulate all the group of 40 plus people for persevering to make "scrambles" happen all these years with love-warmth-silly jokes etc. Prizes, food and friendship I can personally attest to this as Margaret and I have been out of this loop for two years because of major medical issues. To come back to the scrambles group made us feel warm and fuzzy again.

I hope all the other Canterbury groups can endure like the scrambles golf and the feelings they have experienced. Canterbury is a great place to live and once we climb a few minor hurdles, like a "new" clubhouse and pool, things can return to normal without any changes and the new residents can join in.

Nb: we have established games and formats that all work, any changes are minor in nature and materialistic only.

"Nellie the elephant to you all".



ACTIVITIES



Knitwits Cribbage Club Walkie Talkies Monday Golf Ladies Friends, Neighbours and Residents of C.C.R.A. for their contribution of 28 baskets.

A special thank you to the Ladies of the Sunderland Lions Club for their donation of 12 baskets.

BID EUCHRE

Bev & Bruce Bone



If it's Monday night at 7:00 p.m. it must be Bid Euchre at the trailer. If you're interested in having some fun, playing some cards and catching up on local news

bring a toonie and show up. If you think you would like to play but aren't sure, give us a call at 985-9732 and we'd be glad to teach you.

EUCHRE

If it's Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. it must be Euchre at the trailer. See Bid Euchre for more details.

BOOK CLUB

Pat Procunier

The CCRA Book Club began our fall session with a lively discussion with neighbour David L. Thompson, author of the book *Dark Harvest*.



On January 30th, we begin our 2020 year with *The Gown* by Jennifer Robson, February 27th, with the book *I Let You Go* by Clare Mackintosh, March 26th with *Educated* by Tara Westover, April 30th, with *Born A Crime* by Trevor Noah. We end our year on May 28th with *The Quintland Sisters: A Novel* by Shelley Wood, a story of the Dionne quintuplets from the perspective of a young midwife.

CANTERBURY CHORUS

By the time you read this our Christmas Carolling event will be history but hopefully remembered as a successful event. The idea of a walking carolling troupe was



suggested by chorus members who just couldn't let the season go by without some form of Christmas music even if we didn't have a Centre. Thank you all for the idea and support to make it happen.

The year 2020 will bring with it a brand new Centre with lots of room to practise and perform another in-house Canterbury Christmas Concert. So when you are chatting with your new neighbours who have just moved in, remind them that we are always on the look out for folks who enjoy music and like to sing...even if it is just in the shower and at Christmastime!

Pat Corlett, Lucille Huron et al.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

CRIB CLUB

Audrey Thompson

We continue to have fun and great turnouts on Thursdays at 7 p.m. You don't have to commit to every week if you would like to join us.

Bring \$1.25 for prize money and give cribbage a try.

Need a lesson first? Call me to arrange one. Audrey Thompson 982-2156

THE KNITWITS

Doreen Reynolds

This is a personal message to inform you that after seven years as leader of the KnitWits I have decided to step down and continue as an active member. I am pleased to welcome Robin Stamper and Jane Sibul as our Co-Leaders. Thank you for the



support that you have extended to me and our ladies.



ACTIVITIES

THE KNITWITS

Robin Stamper Jane Sibul

The KnitWits are still at it! Every Friday we're at the trailer, drop in to chat and see what we are up to. We don't just knit - we had a lovely "goodbye luncheon" for Evi Meagher before her move to B.C., as well as a huge "thank you" to Doreen Reynolds for keeping us on track for the past seven years. Good thing Doreen is still knitting with us, in case we forget something.

The group also managed to make up two baskets for the Basketeers, full of goodies including many of our hand made items.

While working on hats, mitts, scarves and blankets for Operation Scugog and the Seniors, we also managed to do a few items for ourselves, our friends and families.

Do stop by or better yet, join us Fridays between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m.

LADIES' BRIDGE

Carol Hough Jane Sibul



Ladies' Bridge is played on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. year round. If you wish to play with a friendly group of

ladies, please come and join us. Bring a loonie for prize money. New players are most welcome too.

MAH JONGG

Carol Sambrook

Mah Jongg is played every Tuesday and Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the trailer. New members are welcome and we are happy to teach you how to play.

MEN'S GOLF COMMITTEE George Clapham

Golf for Canterbury Men's League is over for the 2019 season but just beginning for many of our southern travelers. Men's Golf had a very successful season with only a couple of rain-outs during spring to dampen our spirits. Most Tuesday mornings were beautiful golf days. We will return to Sunnybrae for the 2020 season.

2019 Men's Golf award winners included:

George Clapham - low gross (best 2 week total 85) Bob James – low net (best 2 week total 65)

Registration for Men's Golf is scheduled for April 21st at 1:00 p.m. at The Centre and our first golf game in 2020 is scheduled for Tuesday April 28th, so mark your calendars.

Enjoy your winter wherever you may happen to spend it. See you next season.

MIXED BRIDGE



During the winter months mixed bridge will be played on Monday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. Please sign your name to the list

on the bulletin board each week if you would like to play. Bring along a loonie for prize money and enjoy a relaxed afternoon of bridge. We would love to see some new players join the group.

POKER BOYS

The Poker Boys are not meeting at this time as so many of our regulars have gone south for the winter. See you in the spring.

POWER WALKING

We meet in the trailer Monday to Friday from 8:10 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. I am pleased to guide the "Power Walkers" five days a week as we exercise to a series of Leslie Sansome tapes engaging muscles of the upper and lower body.



Carol Hough

Barb Lindensmith



This walking program improves range of motion, muscle conditioning and stretching to keep our bodies fit (and young?). No cost and no commitment.

Everyone Welcome.

SWIMMING POOL Bill Gerber, Pool Coordinator

SWIMMING POOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

I'm Baaack Yep, your friendly neighbourhood pool boy. I know it's only December, but I have not lost my mind. For the benefit of new residents, my name is Bill Gerber and I am the pool coordinator. I oversee the daily operations of the pool, making sure that your swimming experience is safe and pleasurable. No one wants to swim in an unsafe pool.

Ok folks, with the anticipation of having our lovely new pool in the spring of 2020, I'm just testing the waters (no pun intended) for all you great people who are interested in helping with the daily chemical testing of the pool water one day a week, twice a day in the morning or the afternoon. It's not a huge commitment but has a huge impact on successfully running the pool. It literally takes no more than 15 minutes to test the water. The added bonus is that it gets you to the pool for a swim after you test the water!

If you would like to find out how you can help, just call or email me and I will be happy to explain how things work. I can be contacted at <u>shannonandbill@hotmail.com</u> or 985-8595.



WALKIE TALKIES

Martha Simmons

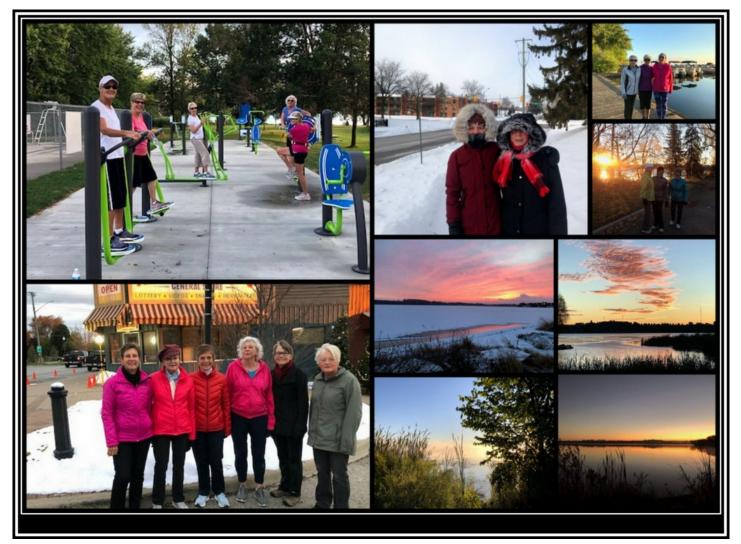
The Walkie Talkies group was "founded" by Lauren Maher several years ago. Barb Annette joined her early on, then I tagged along and our group has now grown to 12. On any given day there might be just two of us or expand to the full group of 12. Our name came about on one of the walks – and is very apt as the walk time flies by with all the chatter.

Our start time is 7:00 a.m. which seems to put off a lot of prospective walkers who prefer to ease into the day. However, the early morning start is more than made up for by the beautiful sunrises we often admire along the way. One of our group, Marg Doe, is a wonderful artist and has captured one of them on canvas.

We walk for about 1¹/₄ hours at a good pace. After leaving Canterbury we head down Lakeshore Drive, then along the boardwalk and the Port Perry waterfront, up Queen Street to Cochrane and then back to Canterbury through the fairgrounds and along Reach Street to do a final circuit on Waterbury.

We walk all year round, avoiding really icy or frigid days. However, I have included one photo here showing Lauren and Barb with frosted eyelashes and hoods from one of our colder (but lovely and sunny) walks. On summer days, when we are feeling particularly energetic, we spend a few extra minutes on the exercise equipment that was installed near Bird's Eye Pool in 2018.

If you are interested in joining us, just come out and meet us at the corner of South Garden and Waterbury, (outside Lauren Maher's home) at 7:00 a.m., Monday- Friday.





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BITS & PIECES

SNOW REMOVAL

It's that time of year again, the snow is flying and we are busy trying to keep our driveways and w a l k w a y s clear of snow.



Remember to always keep the snow you remove from your driveway on your own property. Shovelling snow into the road is inconsiderate to neighbours who may receive that snow when the plough goes by. The Highway Traffic Act of Ontario states the following:

Deposit of snow on roadway. No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing so to do from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, s. 181.

USING THE TRAILER IN WINTER

Like everything else, the trailer will be affected



by snow this winter. Please be careful and use the handrails when going up or down the ramps, they can be slippery. Also, be aware that any snow you track in on shoes or boots will sit in slippery puddles on the floor. Let's all try to keep the floor clear of slushy messes this winter. When possible try to use the parking spaces over by the mail kiosk – please keep the area in front of the trailer clear.

ACCIDENTS

Canterbury Residents Please be Advised

On November 6th, 2019, one of our residents was walking home on the road from the trailer. It was dark and unfortunately the person tripped and fell over an object on the road. The object was a steel frame, used to hold signage related to the construction, and had been left protruding onto the road.

Farrah Ward, the Construction Manager for Geranium, was notified of this incident. As follow up, she informed the Board that she has met with all the people responsible for the trades working on the roads in Canterbury, to notify them of this incident. We are always deeply concerned about the safety of our residents. During this time of construction, please exercise extra caution regarding your surroundings within our community.

PLEASE LEASH YOUR DOG - AND PICK UP

Section 3.1.3 Every owner of a dog or person having control of a dog shall control such dog on a leash when this dog is away from its household.



REMINDER -

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Scugog Animal Control BY-Law #85-08

STOOP AND SCOOP

Section 9.1 Every owner of an animal shall immediately remove and dispose of, in a hygienic manner, all excrement left by the animal on any property, other than the animal owner's or agent's property, within Township of Scugog.

PHONE SCAM

Be aware there is a new telephone scam out there. So far, this scam seems to be limited to cell



phones but knowing how these things travel like wildfire a warning is warranted.

The call begins with a recorded message stating that your Social Insurance Number has been compromised and requests that you press a number to speak with a case officer. If this happens to you **hang up**!

Remember, you will never receive a phone call from Revenue Canada. If there is a problem with your social insurance number you will receive a letter in the mail.

If you are concerned that there is a problem you should look up the Revenue Canada phone number and call them yourself, never give out personal information to someone who phones you.



GINGERBREAD VILLAGE

The annual Bakersville Gingerbread Village is once again on display at the Kent Farndale Gallery in the Scugog Library. Come and see the magical hand made gingerbread homes made by very talented community members from Port Perry and beyond. Running from December 7th to December 31st, Bakersville offers a delightful celebration of the season.

Interested in participating in Bakersville next year? Pick up an information sheet at the library with gingerbread recipes and a tip sheet to complete your 'construction'. There is no entry fee and entries from individuals, families, or groups are all welcome.





SOMETHING SWEET

Linda Kaban

It's that time of year again; when sugarplums dance in our heads. I've never had a sugarplum, but they sound fancy and yummy.

Goodies galore will be made and offered. Chocolate Bundt cakes drizzled with a pure chocolate ganache. Slices of pumpkin pie piled high with whipped cream. Shortbreads in every shape but all leaving behind that unmistakable buttery after-taste. Chocolates that burst with liquor. Candy canes, fudge and more chocolate.

It's at this point I sigh with sorrow. I was diagnosed with pre-diabetes in the spring. My first thought was, "MS wasn't enough?" My second thought was, "How do I beat this?"

During my initial meeting with a nurse and dietician from the Diabetes Clinic I was taught a new way to eat. I was already eating healthily, but I was also consuming a ton of empty carbohydrates in the form of too much pasta, bread and regular Pepsi.

I followed their diet recommendations, measured my pasta, switched from regular Pepsi to Pepsi Zero and bought a skinny bread made by PC. Not only did I lose over 20 pounds; but I am no longer pre-diabetic.

How to navigate the Christmas season though to maintain the new status quo? I'm already allergic to coconut and tree nuts so I'm used to saying no to goodies that haven't been made by my Mom or myself; and I read ingredients on packages religiously. But to say no to EVERYTHING - I don't think so.

So, I'm turning to my new best friend. Splenda. Now before half of you recoil at the thought of aspartame, the nurse and dietician from the Diabetic Clinic assured me that aspartame has been used safely for almost 40 years in Canada. According to Canada.ca (<u>https://tinyurl.com/te2p9mh</u>), "In Canada, food additives such as aspartame are subjected to rigorous controls under the Food and Drugs Act and Regulations. Before any food additive is permitted for use, manufacturers are required to file a food additive submission in accordance with Section B.16.002 of the Regulations. A submission must contain detailed information, including the results of safety tests, as well as information respecting the utility and potential benefits to the consumer of the additive in question."

Splenda is the only artificial sweetener that can be substituted cup for cup in a recipe. In other words, if your recipe calls for one cup of sugar, you can swap in one cup of Splenda. Is it more expensive than sugar? Absolutely. Is it worth it? To me it is. Here's a recipe from the Splenda.ca site:

No-Sugar Sugar Cookies Recipe

Ingredients

3/4 cup (170 g) unsalted butter 1/4 cup (60 mL)light butter 1 cup (25 g) SPLENDA® No Calorie Sweetener, Granulated 1 tbsp (15 mL) vanilla 1/4 cup (60 mL)egg substitute 1/4 cup (60 mL)water 3/4 tsp (3 mL)vinegar (white or cider) 1 1/2 cups (190 g) all-purpose flour cake flour 1 1/2 cups (215 g) 1/4 tsp (2 g)salt 1 tsp (5 g) baking powder



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Preheat oven to 350° F (177° C). Lightly oil a cookie sheet and set aside.

Blend together butters, SPLENDA[®]Granulated and vanilla in a medium mixing bowl with an electric mixer, or by hand. Blend until butter is softened. Add egg substitute, water and vinegar. Mix briefly. Add flours, salt and baking powder. Mix on low speed, until dough is formed. Do not over mix.

Remove dough from bowl and place on a floured work surface. Divide dough in half. Pat each half into a circle and cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate approx. 1 hour, allowing dough to chill.

Remove dough from refrigerator and roll out on a floured work surface to desired thickness, approx. 1/4 inch. Cut with cookie cutters. Place cookies on prepared sheet.

Bake for 10-12 minutes or until lightly browned on the back. Cool on a wire rack.

SMILE OF THE DAY

I am a Seenager!

I just discovered my age group – I am a Seenager (Senior teenager). I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 55-60 years later.

- I don't have to go to school or work, I get an allowance every month.
- I have my own pad and I don't have a curfew.
- I have a driver's license and my own car.
- I have ID that gets me into bars and the wine store. I like the wine store best.
- The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, they aren't scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long, why be scared?
- And, I don't have acne. Life is good!

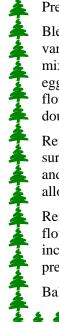
Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this if you are a Seenager. Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age; it just takes longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains.

Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear. Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is not a memory problem: it is natures way of making older people do more exercise. So there!!



David McBride







CHRISTMAS PAST

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Photos: Margaret Jackson

Nora Senechal

THE NEW WING

By the time you see these pictures printed in *The Chronicle* these rooms will have changed so much that you will not recognize them. So then, why have I decided to show them to you? I guess because like everyone else I have been curious as to what the new wing will look like and these are the best pictures we could get at the time.



When you look at the pictures you can see that the new wing will add quite a bit of space to the building. There are plenty of windows which both let in lots of light as well as allowing us to view the 'back yard' of The Centre with ease.

Upstairs, we will be able to separate this wing from our original meeting room with a dividing wall allowing us to successfully hold two events at the same time.

Downstairs, we will have plenty of space and light for our painters to create their masterpieces, groups to hold meetings, and with the lift to get up and down everyone will have access to this wonderful space.





SCRAMBLES RESTAURANT

It has been a challenge for the Social Committee to organize activities with our Centre under construction. In the summer, they organized an evening with dinner and entertainment at Scrambles Restaurant in Uxbridge. The event was so popular it was repeated in the fall. It looks like everyone had a good time.



Photos: Martha Simmons & Birgit Pullen Collage: Marg Jackson



ANOTHER FUN EVENING BOWLING



Photos: Birgit Pullen Collage: Marg Jackson

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

Nora Senechal Karen English

What do children want for Christmas? That is a good question. The cute dolls and wooden toys they always show in the Christmas cartoons which we watch with our grandchildren no longer exist, and even if they did, we don't really think most children would want them. Toys have changed so much since we were children, they are almost unrecognizable. When you go to the internet and Google the top selling Christmas toys what you get is lists from sellers like Amazon who want you to buy the things in their inventory. After a bit of research here is what we think kids were looking for in the 1950s compared to now:

The 1950s

- Fisher Price Little People
- Colorforms
- Mr. Potatohead
- Matchbox cars
- Gumby
- Play-doh
- Corn Popper
- Pogo stick
- Hula-hoop
- Barbie

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2019

- LEGO
- Star Wars toys
- Game consoles
- Electronic tablets
- Piñatas
- Disney Frozen toys
- Hot Wheels
- Remote Control toys
- Blume dolls
- Barbie's Malibu Beach house





We didn't even know what most of the toys were on the 2019 list. A piñata is pretty easy to figure out – you hit it with a stick until it breaks and toys come out. There are just so many different toys that in our 2019 list we had to use categories like electronic or remote control. A far cry from simpler times when there were a few toys and kids actually played with them after Christmas day.



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OAK RIDGES HOSPICE

Anyone who lived in Canterbury Common in 2018 probably took part in a fund-raising event in support of the Oak Ridges Hospice. Under the expert guidance of Neil Simpson we Tied One On with purple ribbons on our trees, toured neighbours homes and attended an auction or two. Individual groups organized their own events, the Knitwits raffled a gorgeous

afghan, the lottery group donated a portion of their winnings and we held a fantastic parade which was enjoyed by all. I'm sure if you look in the back of your closet the famous purple t-shirt will be found.

We were having so much fun with all these events we sometimes forgot that we were supporting a cause – The Oak Ridges Hospice. All our hard work paid off in a donation of \$65,600 which was presented to Dr. Stephen Russell at The Centre on September 21, 2018. The November press release outlining the progress of this project was wonderful to see. Please take a few minutes to read the release to see what is happening now with the Hospice and yes, pat yourself on the back. We supported a great cause which has now taken another step closer to becoming a reality.







The Board of Directors is thrilled to share some exciting news with you!

On Friday November 8th, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Christine Elliott, Robin Martin, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health, and Lindsey Park, MPP for Durham joined us to announce an additional \$600,000 in one-time capital funding to support the construction of three additional beds at Oak Ridges Hospice, bringing the total number of hospice beds to eight!

When we open the doors to the "Morgan and Sidhu House", the province will provide the hospice with \$840,000 annually to support compassionate end-of-life care



"We are grateful to the Honourable Christine Elliott and the Ministry of Health for their support of Oak Ridges Hospice and our vision of providing compassionate care to the people of Durham as they approach their end of life journey.

We are also thankful to MPP Lindsey Park, Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy and to Mayor Bobbie Drew and their staff for their encouragement and support. There are so many people I would like to thank, not the least of which are our donors and volunteers- you have all made this day possible.

We are excited to finally be building the first hospice in Durham Region; one that all our communities have so eagerly anticipated and supported over the years."

Dr. Steven Russell, Board Chair, Oak Ridges Hospice

We have received our foundation permit from Scugog Township and you will see some activity on the building site as we prepare to pour the foundation.

The majority of the construction costs must come from donations and grants. The "Building for Compassionate Care" Capital Campaign for Oak Ridges Hospice has a goal of more than \$6.6 million dollars. To date, \$5 million dollars has been raised thanks to the initial support of two major donors, Kevin Morgan and Dave Sidhu, and the generosity of other supportive communities and groups throughout all of Durham Region.

You can join the community movement to bring Oak Ridges Hospice to Durham Region by supporting the "Building For Compassionate Care" Capital Campaign.





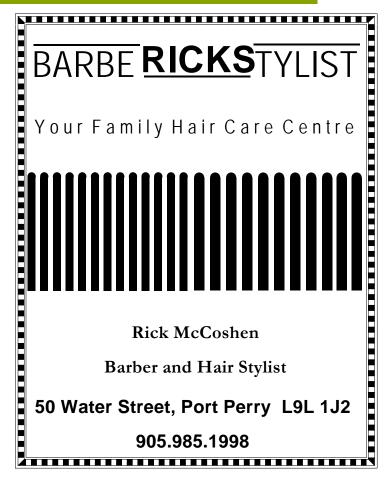
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FILMING IN PORT PERRY

EMLOCK

In case any residents missed the initial notification about the current filming in Port Perry we have included the article, below, from the *Port Perry Star*. (You might have noticed that the section of the old mill building was painted blue, not black, as indicated in the initial report.)

It was certainly interesting to see how quickly the downtown area was transformed one day in early October. The hanging baskets of flowers replaced with Christmas wreaths, signs over some of the stores replaced, store windows outfitted with Christmas decorations and very real-looking snow spread along the sidewalks – all served to transform Port Perry on a Fall day into the town of Lakeside at Christmastime. The next day, all was back to normal.

Port Perry to serve as backdrop for filming of *American Gods* series Filming 2 or 3 days a month, from September to March 2020 NEWS Sep 24, 2019 *Port Perry Star*

SCUGOG — Downtown Port Perry will be transformed into an American Midwest town for a few days each month until next March during filming for the fantasy series <u>American Gods</u>.

Filming will take place two or three days a month, from September to March 2020, with *Port Perry* serving as a stand-in for the fictional town of "Lakeside." *American Gods* is based on a 2001 fantasy novel penned by British author Neil Gaiman that

follows the character Shadow Moon, a man who learns only days before being released from prison that his wife has been killed in a car accident. A series of events delays his trip home and he meets up with the mysterious Mr. Wednesday, eventually accepting a job with him. From there, Moon finds himself in a hidden world where magic is real, and where the Old Gods fear irrelevance amid the growing power of the New Gods, including Technology and Media.

The third season of *American Gods* is being produced by Third Bedford Productions Inc. and will air on <u>Starz</u>.

Scugog has issued film, road occupancy and location agreements for

the production, which will allow for the use of the former retail units in the <u>Currie Grain Elevator</u> — better known locally as the <u>Old Mill</u> — on Water Street, as well as walking scenes along Queen Street.

To accommodate the filming, there will periodically be road closures along Queen Street, between Water Street and the Port Perry Post Office. As well, a few parking spaces along Water Street will be used by film crews.

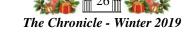
As part of the preparations for filming, the former retail units on the western side of the Old Mill will be transformed into a set and painted black; the buildings will be returned to their current red colour and peeling paint will be touched up after filming is complete. As well, the "PORT PERRY" wording at the top of the Old Mill will be changed to "LAKESIDE" from about October to March.

During filming days, Queen Street will be decorated with holiday decor and fake snow and intermittent and full road closures will occur on Queen and Water streets. Full pedestrian access will continue and all stores will remain open.

There will be access for emergency services and Durham police will be on site to assist with traffic management.

Port Perry has served as backdrop for a variety of TV shows and movies, from *Hemlock Grove* and *The West Wing*, to large-scale Hollywood productions such as <u>Welcome To Mooseport</u>. <u>Fly Away Home</u>, based on the story of Scugog resident Bill Lishman's efforts to train birds to migrate, was also shot in Scugog.

For more information about the film project, and for updates on road closures, visit <u>www.scugog.ca</u>.







Martha Simmons

COMPUTER CORNER

Do I really need a surge protector for my computer?

The electronic components inside all computers are very easily damaged by power surges and lighting strikes, and that includes the power supply itself.

While it's true that most computer power supplies do provide some protection against small, short duration power fluctuations, they are NOT designed to withstand a strong power surge or lightning strike. What's more, even surge suppressors themselves aren't immune from power surges and lightning strikes. They are often either destroyed outright if the surge is strong enough or weakened to the point where they no longer provide any useful protection against future surges, leaving you with a false sense of security that your equipment is being protected.

That's why if you want the most protection possible from your surge suppressors, you should consider replacing them every time your local power line takes a direct hit from a lightning strike, even if they "appear" to be working just fine.

Bottom line: You really do need to keep all of your computer gear plugged into a quality surge protector at all times.

You also need to replace your surge protectors after your local power grid takes a direct lightning strike (i.e. when your home's power goes off during a thunder storm). If you know how to choose a good one you can buy a surge protector at a local retail store.

However, if you might find it helpful to read the user reviews for the surge protectors sold online. They have an excellent selection for you to choose from.

Extracted from https://www.ricksdailytips.com

CATCH

We do not remember days; we remember moments. —Cesare Pavese, The Burning Brand

Following Christmas dinner, my family was relaxing around the kitchen table. We had all enjoyed traditional turkey, sweet potatoes lightly glazed with brown sugar, and a final wedge of pumpkin pie topped with a dollop of ice cream. The good cooking smells still lingered; the oven remained warm. My sister, our chef, was basking in the compliments - "Fabulous meal," "I really couldn't eat another bite," "Everything was wonderful." Dad had risen from his chair and was contentedly standing nearby.

My nephew, never one to sit still for too long, began dribbling his new basketball around the table and throughout the kitchen. Upon nearing Dad, he stopped - almost uncertainly. With shaking, wrinkled hands, Dad had reached out for the ball. He did not speak, and the boy, confused, looked up and over at us. It took some convincing, but the ball was gingerly passed over.

I watched my father closely to see what he would do. A playful smile appeared on his face. The twinkle in his eyes shone brighter than any Christmas lights. Holding the ball and reaching forward, Dad bounced it on the floor then caught it. This action was repeated. Nodding approvingly, he then turned towards our assembled group. Gently tossing the ball away, Dad began a game of catch.

The ball continued to be passed through eager pairs of outstretched hands. Cries of "Over here!" rang through the warm kitchen. Dad's active participation in this game was remarkable to me, since he had advanced Alzheimer's disease. This dementia had robbed him of many memories and the recognition of people, places and points in time. Despite this, Dad clearly recognized the ball and what you could do with it.

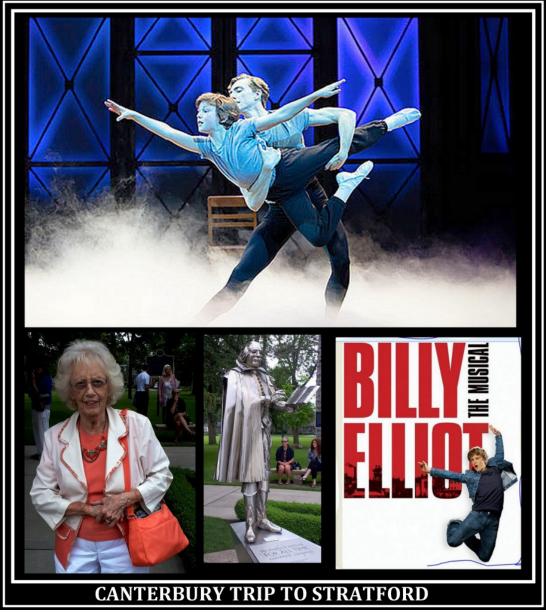
In my younger years, playing with Dad was rare. To his credit, Dad worked hard and provided for us. He was very private and never showed nor shared much emotion; his game of choice was chess, which he did eventually teach me how to play. As an adult, I had become a caregiver and watched helplessly as Dad declined. Connecting moments between father and son had been few and far between before he took the basketball.

I'm not sure how long we played catch. Watching the clock was not important. Dad gleefully led us until he began to tire. What I do know is that our game ended all too soon, and it was time to face the reality of dirty dishes piled high on countertops. The moment, though, will certainly last forever. On this Christmas, Dad gave me a special memory—one that I will always treasure.

—Rick Lauber

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