

Town Council Passes Bylaw to Regulate Airbnb "Party Palaces"

By MIKE ANDERSON

After several years of handwringing, consultant reports and resident complaints, Town council finally passed a bylaw on October 9th that licenses short-term rental accommodations (STRAs) in Georgina.

Starting on January 1st, 2020, hosts on online platforms, like Airbnb and Vrbo, will have to purchase an annual license to operate a short-term rental, which the bylaw defines as a single-family dwelling offered for rent for less than 31 days.

Effectively, it will be illegal for anyone to operate or advertise a STRA without a license.

Fines are substantive: including \$25,000 for a first offence, and \$50,000 for any subsequent offence; while corporations face an initial \$50,000 fine and \$100,000 for further offences.

If the host inhabits the dwelling, the cost of the license fee is \$250, plus the cost of a fire inspection (\$122) and septic inspection (\$106) for properties not municipally serviced. The annual renewal of the license fee will be \$150, plus the cost of a fire inspection. Besides the license fee, hosts will be required to submit a detailed site and floor plan, proof of insurance and an Electrical Safety Certificate (ESA).

However, if the host doesn't reside in the property, things get a bit more complicated.

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SCOT DAVIDSON WITH HIS WIFE SUZANNE ENTERS SUTTON LEGION

Scot Davidson Keeps York-Simcoe Tory Blue

By MIKE ANDERSON

They say hard work pays off, even in politics. And Scot Davidson is a testament to that.

The Conservative incumbent seemed to out-muscle his opponents on the campaign trail while sticking to clear, consistent messaging to secure a 24,796-vote majority with over 46 percent of the total votes cast

in the riding.

"I'm humbled and honoured to be representing the people of York-Simcoe again," Mr. Davidson told more than a hundred of his supporters who gathered at the Sutton Legion to celebrate his victory. "I will continue to be your voice in parliament, and I will continue to stand up for things

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that matter to you."

Mr. Davidson ran a strong campaign from the onset of the 41-day contest. After a convincing by-election victory on February 25th, his campaign team was primed and ready-to-go before the election writ was even dropped.

His signs were everywhere in the riding, and volunteers door knocked a staggering 23,000 residences throughout York-Simcoe.

Mr. Davidson says healthcare, affordability and the health of Lake Simcoe were the most significant concerns he heard from voters during the campaign. And, despite a Liberal minority government in Ottawa, he's convinced he can address these issues.

"I want to work with everyone on both sides of the aisle," he says. "If it's something that York-Simcoe needs, I'll hold their feet to the fire to make sure that it gets done."

Mr. Davidson is also buoyed by the recent Liberal announcement made in Barrie by Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland, who pledged to resurrect the Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund with \$40 million in new funding after the government let the project lapse.

"I'm glad they looked at our environmental platform and realized that the Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund was a priority for York-Simcoe," says Mr. Davidson who pushed hard to make the fund a key part of the federal Conservative campaign.

While it was no surprise that Mr. Davidson, won the riding handily, his opponents made significant gains in one of Canada's most tightly contested federal elections.

Although Liberal Cynthia Welsey-Esquimaux fought mostly an uphill battle — declaring her candidacy rather late in the game — she garnered some 14,252 votes or 27 percent of the vote, which was more than double her total from 2011 when she ran against Conservative Peter Van Loan.

However, that total was

considerably less than the previous Liberal candidate Shaun Tanaka who secured 38 percent of the vote in the 2015 election, also in a losing effort against Mr. Van Loan.

Jessa McLean, the NDP candidate, captured 7,481 votes or 14 percent of the total, which was a marked improvement over February's by-election result, in which she drew only 7.5 percent of the total votes. It was also considerably better than Sylvia Gel's result of 4,255 votes in the last election.

Although Green Jonathan Arnold was a distant fourth with 4,615 votes or less than 9 percent of the vote, the result was a substantial gain over the previous Green candidate Mathew Lund who garnered only 451 votes in the February by-election.

But both right-wing fringe parties fared relatively poorly with four percent of the total vote combined. Keith Komar, the Libertarian candidate, captured 1,292 votes, while the People's Party of Canada candidate Michael Lotter secured 867 votes.



SCOT HUGS HIS DAD

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Letters to The Editor:

It was with great disgust that I read your article on the state of disrepair of the pioneer village.

Nena Marsden worked tirelessly for years forming the Georgina Historical Society and overseeing the construction of the pioneer village.

Nena and the society knitted sweaters and made quilts and sat in front of the IGA and the Beer Store selling raffle tickets to raise money. She got donations and favours from contractors and anyone she could.

Nena and the society volunteered hours painting and refurbishing the buildings. They dug holes and built fences and furnished the buildings. They hosted school trips and held festivals and special events, demonstrations on canning and blacksmithing and all aspects of pioneer life.

Actually, I am not surprised

at the attitude of this and past councils to neglect and let everything fall into disrepair, then tear it down and spend thousands of dollars on replacing it.

You can't replace our history. Our forefathers came here and settled and built a new life. But the council doesn't care. They have thousands of dollars for Grossi's ROC and Quirk's MURC, The Link and Clearwater Farm. But they can't find any money to preserve our history.

If we continue to let our history fall into disrepair and disappear, we will not have any history. Look at all the abandoned farms falling down; there soon will be none left.

I am glad Nena is not here to see this. I think this and previous councils should be ashamed they have let this happen.

John Woodward

After reading your article on Holmes Point Park, I wanted to convey my thoughts about the state of our beaches.

I was at Willow Beach Park for lunch earlier this summer and was embarrassed for my Town and disgusted by the poor conditions.

Numerous illegal fire pits burnt into the lawn. Picnic tables burned so severely by hibachis, you don't want to use them.

Cigarette butts everywhere. Huge potholes to avoid just

to get into the parking lot. A dirty stinking single toilet for everyone in the west picnic area.

Other residents I have talked with have reported the same or worse conditions at our other beachfront parks regularly, as well.

This Town council wants a new Civic Centre and MURC, but can't afford or fails to maintain and manage the infrastructure we already have. DISGUSTING!

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How To Fill a Purse, With Kindness

By TANYA EDWARDS

If you've heard about the "Fill a Purse for a Sister Campaign" you know about Angel Freedman and how she lit a fire in Newmarket five years ago, encouraging local business owners and citizens to help fill purses for women and youth in crisis.

That flame has caught on locally, and volunteers are collecting and filling purses for shelters and crisis centers across Georgina.

Geraldine Nerdjivian's "Fill a Purse for a Sister Campaign — Georgina" on Facebook is in full swing with helpful guidelines for donating new or gently used purses and suggestions for purse fillers.

The campaign runs until December 1st, so start filling those purses!

Most needed are personal care items like shampoo, body wash, tampons and pads, small items like tweezers, nail files, chapsticks and band-aids, to more age-appropriate items like denture supplies, panty liners, small puzzle books, a flashlight or a cash donation — it doesn't have to be big, choose what works with your budget.

This is Ms. Nerdjivian's first year leading the campaign in Georgina, but she hopes to donate more than 150 purses to local shelters. She says a simple thing like a purse can have a big impact on a woman or youth in crisis.

"A lot of times they may feel alone without support," she says. "So we encourage adding a personal note, a little inspirational message. Just to say, you know what, we've got you. We'll help you through."

Local recipients of the donations include: Sandgate Women's Shelter, Women's Support Network (Rape Crisis Centre), Rose of Sharon and Sutton Youth Shelter.

Several local businesses are supporting the "Fill a Purse for a Sister Campaign" by volunteering to be drop-off centres for donations: Twigs Gardens & Co., 10 The Queensway South, Unit 2; Cakes by Jez, 672 The Queensway South, both in Keswick; and Sweet Pea Accessories, 130 High Street in Sutton.

To most women, a purse can hold your world, protect your personal and private property, reflect individual style and help lift your chin a little. Younger women have suggested backpacks which they find more age and style appropriate.

National statistics show that 91 percent of the women that enter a shelter or crisis center are there because of domestic violence, child protection or housing issues. Filling a purse for a sister in crisis is a sure way to spread kindness, and we all know the world needs more kindness.



PAW PATROL

Ghoul Approved Pop Up Shop in Keswick

By TANYA EDWARDS



Showcase Costumes, a family owned and operated business offering almost 2000 costumes has opened a Halloween outlet in Keswick until October 31st.

Located at 190 Simcoe Avenue, this little shop of horrors will make finding your Halloween alter-ego a treat.

Owners Laurie, Mike and daughter Crystal specialize in costume rentals not only for Halloween; they also cater to theme parties, parades and mascot entertainers.

From Paw Patrol to Game of Thrones and from wands to wizards, Showcase Costumes has you covered, including a recent expansion to include party packages, like Bubble Fun, Photo Fun and Yard Fun.

The Pangman-Carriere name is well known in the area for fun and their support of local non-profit events, organizers for The Terry Fox Walk, supporters of the Georgina Food Pantry and hosts of the Hawkins Haunted Graveyard to name a few.

Future plans include sponsoring this years' Autism Unplugged free skate at The Ice Palace on December 21st and organizing a Rocky Horror Picture Show event coming soon to the Gem Theater in Keswick.

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Sutton Legion Unveils New Memorial Mural

By DEB ROBERT

The red maple leaf will fly proudly as Sutton Royal Canadian Legion Branch 356 unveils a new memorial mural in tribute to the Canadian Armed Forces.

The legion is inviting the community to its 21 East Street location on Saturday, October 26th for the reveal of the mural adorning the hall's exterior facade.

The event theme, "renewing respect for our veterans" is a salute to men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces who have served around the globe, in far-flung wars and conflicts, and on peacekeeping missions. Homage will also be paid to RCMP members.

Speakers include Georgina Mayor Margaret Quirk, MP Scot Davidson and MPP Caroline Mulroney.

Members of eight legion branches, as well as legion district and zone command representatives, will also be in attendance.

Marching on the Colours opens the ceremony commencing at 11 a.m. "We've chosen eleven o'clock out of respect for Remembrance Day," says Mike Burton, Chair of the Mural Committee and the legion's immediate past president.

A special smudging ceremony will be conducted by the Chippewas of Georgina Island. All are welcome to the open house BBQ lunch following the ceremony.

With an approximate membership of 330 past and current military personnel as well as the general public, Sutton Legion services all of Georgina.



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The branch membership reflects decades of military duty. They recently lost a veteran of the Korean War, while other members have served in conflicts including Afghanistan, on overseas bases and in NATO operations.

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Sutton Legion is not just a welcoming space for camaraderie. Its myriad of services includes food and shelter grants, job support, PTSD resources, and a crisis hotline for veterans.

"We offer a place to call their own," says Burton. "Our branch can access resources throughout the legion's support networks. We bring them together and help direct vets in the right ways."

The mural unveiling coincides with the annual poppy campaign

launching October 25th.

The community can share in the memorial with a remembrance poppy donation on behalf of a military veteran.

Poppies will be numbered and overlaid on the mural with a legend inside the hall listing veteran names corresponding to each poppy.

The former decayed mural is making way for a refreshed veteran pictorial.

"Fifteen years ago, we created a mural to respect vets and different sections of the military," says Burton. "It served its time."

After four years of fundraising, Burton says, "We are bringing the mural up to date, reflecting the current status of vets serving in the military along with community partners.

Our committee designed the board to represent our local branch as well as the Canadian Legion as a whole."

Caddying For The Stars at Orchard Beach Golf Club

By LORNE HICKS

What do Bob Hope, Tony Bennett, and Danny Kaye have in common?

Well, back in the 1950s, they all played at Orchard Beach, a beautiful nine-hole golf course in Keswick that has hosted a surprising number of celebrities.

On a hot Labour Day weekend in 1957, I joined a small band of caddies, cottagers, and residents to follow the famous Bob Hope — on a day off from his appearances at the C.N.E. — around the course. He did not disappoint. As he attempted to hit out of a greenside bunker, the clicking of a Super 8 camera broke the silence.

Pretending mock anger, Hope exclaimed, "Who's that running the cement mixer?" and then broke into a broad, friendly smile. This was the beginning of nine holes of laughter and joking. In a memorable gesture,

the great comic walked off the second tee to say a few words of encouragement to a young boy in a wheelchair.

Not so enjoyable, however, was the experience of caddying for Frank Shuster (of the Wayne and Shuster comedy team). Mr. Shuster, as it turned out, was an absolute crank, grouching and cursing during the entire round. Worst of all, having "carried double" for Shuster and a C.B.C. conductor on a sweltering afternoon, he handed me \$5.00! Afterwards, when I told the pro, he said: "you should have lifted (i.e., taken) one of his clubs."

Much credit for this outstanding golf course is owed to Stanley Thompson, the pre-eminent Canadian course designer. Thompson established several design principles for his projects (more than a hundred in Canada). For example, his

overall vision was to create courses which appeal to both low and high-handicap players, a prerequisite that's reflected in the layout of Orchard Beach: reasonably challenging, but not too difficult for the average golfer.

Other noteworthy hallmarks of a Stanley Thompson course are evident, such as great views blending into natural surroundings, as well as greenside and dogleg bunkers.

Interestingly, among Thompson's major directives for course design was NOT having a finishing hole facing the setting sun; however, the ninth hole at Orchard Beach provides a magnificent view to the west where the sun sets over Cook's Bay. I think Stanley would approve.

Although this ninth hole, "Grandview," is the signature



BOB HOPE AT ORCHARD BEACH

hole at Orchard Beach, several others subscribe to Thompson's design principle that the flag (i.e., green) be visible from the tee.

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Off-site hosts are required to apply for a one-time variance to obtain a license, which will cost \$1,400.

A select STRA committee will review the variance application — comprised of a minimum of three town councillors.

As with other variance applications, neighbours within a 100-metre radius of the STRA will be invited to address the committee with any concerns they may have. For instance, any prior noise complaints could be cited to deny the application.

While a host can appeal the committee's ruling, it will set them back \$500, and that decision is final and binding.

There is also a non-proliferation provision in the regulations. Only 150 STRA licences will be granted, and no STRA can be located within a 100-metre radius of an existing STRA.

This effectively removes the problem of more than one STRA

operating next to a resident's dwelling.

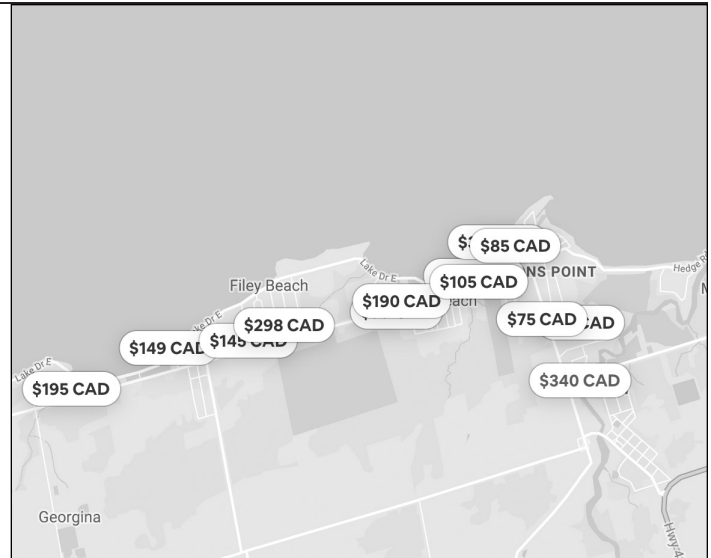
Another innovative aspect of the bylaw is a Renter's Code of Conduct, which is backed-up by a demerit point system.

The code is designed to "establish acceptable standards of behaviour for owners, hosts and renters to minimize any adverse impacts on their neighbours and neighbourhood."

It restricts the maximum number of persons permitted in a STRA to 12 and binds the renter and host to comply with existing bylaws governing noise, parking, garbage, open fires and fireworks — all concerns raised by residents opposed to STRAs.

If the host or renter violates any of the terms of the license, including the Renter's Code of Conduct, the host will receive demerit points, with a total of seven demerit points resulting in the suspension of the license.

For Roger Kellett, a long time Sutton resident who lives on



STRAS IN GEORGINA

Black River Rd, the STRA bylaw is long overdue.

"You have to know the rules if you want to protect or defend your property," says Mr. Kellett, who's had multiple confrontations with weekend Airbnb guests over noise, garbage and urination on his property.

"They could do whatever the

hell they wanted because come Sunday afternoon they were going home anyway. They can leave the mess, the garbage, the irate residents, it didn't matter to them."

Although he's frustrated with the two-year delay, he acknowledges that online platforms like Airbnb are hard to regulate.

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"When people used to rent their cottage, it wasn't a huge issue. It was advertised locally, or by word of mouth. If you owned a cottage, you rented to a family, friend or co-worker — somebody you knew. Now with Airbnb, you're getting people from all over the world. So, there's no way of really filtering your guests."

However, not everyone is happy with the new STRA bylaw. Jack Shen, a Toronto lawyer, has operated an Airbnb on Lake Drive for more than two years. He hires a Keswick property manager to look after his rental and claims he's never had a problem with guests.

While he plans to apply for a license, he says the Town's bylaw is cumbersome, costly and unfair.

"I don't know how the demerit point system is going to work. If it's too subjective, it just takes one jealous neighbour who keeps calling to complain, and

your license is suspended," says Jack Shen.

Although Mr. Shen says there are some bad apples, most hosts are responsible, and the Airbnb platform is largely self-regulating.

While the Town is hopeful that most hosts, like Mr. Shen, will seek a license, compliance may become an issue.

If that's the case, bylaw officers will have to track down illegal operators and fine them.

Town staff will monitor the compliance rate, enforcement costs and provide a status update to the council quarterly.

It's possible that the licensing fee structure or demerit system may change in the future.

While many residents see the STRA bylaw as a good beginning, it is definitely a work in progress.

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Elpida Cafe & Roastery: Coffee With a Conscience

By SHIRLEY DEAKIN

Nestled in the heart of uptown Keswick is Elpida Café & Roastery. A warm and inviting café that serves more than a delicious latté and tasty baked goods.

Every coffee is freshly roasted from organic coffee beans, sourced from fair-trade farms.

The ambitious owners Justin, 25, and Amanda, 24, have also been serving our local community through cash donations.

These two charitable business owners have been donating a portion of their tips to school lunch programs — Lakeside Public School/ Keswick Public School.

In September they donated to The Salvation Army, 20898 Dalton Road, Sutton.

During the month of October they will be supporting our local food bank, The Georgina Community Food Pantry, 20489 Dalton Rd, Sutton.

All donations are generated by customers tips.

Justin and Amanda also offer a unique space for artists to showcase their talents.

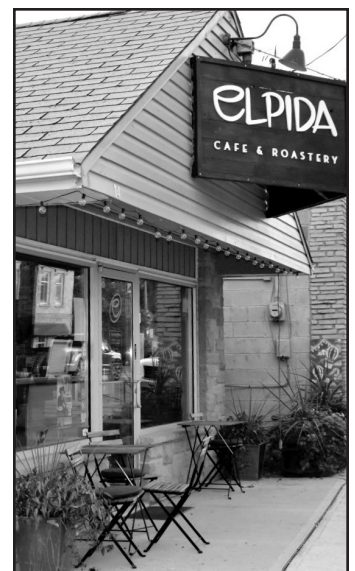
Each month an artist is selected to display their work in

the café and on social media. It's a terrific way to support Georgina art community.

The idea of “paying it forward” really comes to life when you step inside Elpida Café & Roastery, 14 The Queensway South, Keswick.

Drop by the café, enjoy a pumpkin spice latté.

You will be supporting a local business and The Georgina Community Food Pantry during the month of October.



ELPIDA IN UPPER KESWICK

Singing Soldiers Bring Country Music With A Message To Stephen Leacock Theatre

By DEB ROBERT



GRAHAM TRUDE & CHRIS EARL

Not all injuries are visible. Those on the frontlines — our wounded warriors — need to know there's help at hand and, sometimes, it comes in a song.

Chris Earl and Graham Trude are singing their hearts out, in part as an SOS on behalf of soldiers and first responders who experience PTSD, addictions, and emotional traumas. They are the Singing Soldiers, a duo who share songs, humour and healing, on and off the stage.

On a concert tour through Ontario, the country-rock musicians perform in Georgina at the Stephen Leacock Theatre on November 8th.

Their musical storytelling deals with deeply personal “non-fiction,” relaying their real-world experiences, says Trude. Their latest release, “Frontline Soldiers,” is a salute to soldiers and first responders.

Retired from the military, the Collingwood resident serves as a police officer in Orangeville. As a veteran of Afghanistan, Trude

found it a desolate, dangerous place, “a picture out of the bible” with a desert landscape of “beige mud huts.” Yet he never felt far from home.

“Over there felt like home. I had my brothers and sisters with me. Camaraderie is so important.” Trude says he felt more alone returning to Canada, suffering from Complex PTSD following his deployment.

Trude found great solace in music. His song “Seen What I’ve Seen” is an intimate expression of his struggles with PTSD. “Music is a way for me to reach out and say I’m going through this too. I’m not ashamed. There’s only so much people can take.”

Witnessing mental illness in family members, Earl believes “PTSD lends itself to addiction.” A 30-year music veteran, Earl joined the military at age 44 and serves as an aircraft technician at Camp Borden.

It was a tumultuous move that uprooted his family and inspired

“This Old House,” a song reflecting the nomadic life of the service and the sacrifices made. “Moving is tough, especially going months overseas and having to say goodbye.”

Offering a show that is “organic, raw, and real,” Singing Soldiers evokes an intense reaction from fellow soldiers, veterans, and families. “We tell powerful stories that resemble their life. It’s why they connect with us. It’s more of a message, a guide for hope and healing,” says Earl.

Their impact continues after the curtain falls, with Trude pouring over fan messages requesting help for loved ones carrying emotional burdens.

“They’ve seen what they can’t un-see. Everybody’s cup is a different size. For some, it takes a lot before they reach full level, while some reach it very quickly.


You can’t be judged by that.”


Providing trauma healing through music therapy is the mission of their ASIF (A Song is Forever) Foundation, which provides acoustic guitars for those dealing with Operational Stress Injuries and mental health issues. “It’s finding a different way to heal,” says Trude. “I put my emotions in song, and now I’m teaching others to do it.”

Expect an uplifting concert. “There’s a common misconception that we’re singing sad stuff, but actually we’re very upbeat and having a real good time,” says Earl. “Being sad all day defeats the purpose of getting better.”

To purchase tickets contact the box office at 905-476-0193 or purchase online: www.georgina.ca/discover-georgina/arts-and-culture/stephen-leacock-theatre

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DIANE'S DOO DOO'S BAKERY WINS 3RD PLACE

Tarts 4 Hearts: Buttermart Festival Draws Long Line-ups

By EWA CHWOJKO-SRAWLEY

Attendance vastly exceeded expectations at the Buttermart Festival at the Keswick Ice Palace, in support of the newest Georgina charity, Peaceful Hearts.

A long line-up formed well before the doors opened. Karin Cacciola, the founder of the charity and the festival organizer, was overwhelmed and very grateful.

Karin Cacciola started the foundation in 2016 when her family's personal journey made her aware of the necessity to provide support for special needs families.

Today the organization is run by seven devoted, hard-working directors and offers a variety of programmes, from day activities to overnight respite. It depends solely on sponsors and fundraising. To receive government grants, it has to prove that it is self-sustaining for at least two years.

The volunteers working for Peaceful Hearts have been very creative, devising successful fundraisers, with the annual Buttermart Festival being the primary source of revenue.

The festival started small last year, with only six bakers. Over eight thousand tarts were sold in

the first two hours. No wonder that this time, the tart lovers were lining up well before the event opened.

This year fourteen bakers brought twenty thousand delicious tarts. To make sure there would be enough sweet treats for everyone, some also offered other kinds of baked goods.

If you do not have a sweet tooth, you could still support the charity by shopping for all kinds of merchandise, from handmade jewelry to knitted sweaters and eco-friendly dog treats. The forty-two vendors donated a part of their income to Peaceful Hearts.

A baking competition in two categories, professional and amateur, added excitement to this spectacular event. Elegantly displayed classic Canadian pastries made our mouths water. Nobody could resist the delicious tarts, and people devoured them on the spot, happily licking fingers and lips.

The support of the members of our community and the Town of Georgina was astounding. The organizers can confidently plan an even bigger festival next year.

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Tuesday December 3 - The Christmas Market at the Toronto Distillery District. Pick up in Keswick and Sutton starting at 10:30 am. Leaving Toronto at 4:00 pm. \$15.

Wednesday December 18 - Upper Canada Mall. Pick ups in Sutton and Keswick. \$5.

Tuesdays - Walmart plaza in Keswick. Pickups at various locations. Free of charge.

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If you are interested in this topic, we invite you to attend on:

November 6, The Link, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. or

November 6, The Link, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. or

November 6, Ice Palace, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Refreshments are provided.

Transportation can be provided free of charge.

Registration is required: (905) 722-4616, acloserlookgeorgina@gmail.com

More information: acloserlookgeorgina.ca



A Closer Look is funded by United Way Greater Toronto and aims to close the growing gaps within priority neighbourhoods through targeted efforts, resident engagement and improved access to community focused tools for change. A Closer Look is led by a collaborative which includes Jericho Youth Services, Georgina Food Pantry and Routes Connecting Communities and will be completed by January 30, 2021.



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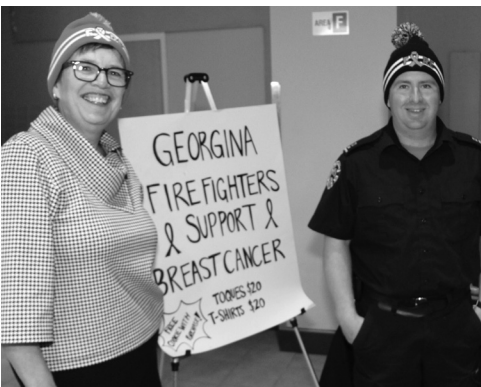
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Egypt Hall - Halloween Dance, Sat., Oct. 26th, 8 p.m. Come Celebrate our 30th Anniversary! We've raised over \$115,000 dollars for the community. Prizes for best costumes. All profits go to helping someone in our community. Notes: Light Buffet, Bar, DJ., Prizes. Tickets \$10. Call: 905-722-3710

Cedardale Church, Pefferlaw - Christmas Craft & Bake Sale, Sat., Oct. 26th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Christmas wreaths, center pieces, candle holders, neck warmers, other unique items & homemade baking. For information on table rentals email Admin@CedardaleChurch.ca

Pefferlaw Lions Community Centre - Pefferlaw Lioness Craft Sale, Sat., Oct. 26th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 38 Pete's Lane.

Port Bolster Hall - Children's Halloween Party, Oct. 26, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Enjoy Lunch, draws, crafts and Pumpkin carving.

GPL, Pefferlaw Branch - yorkworks Career Help, Wed., Oct. 30th, 2 - 4 p.m. Free, Drop-in: Meet with a staff member from yorkworks Employment Services for career help and resume tips at no cost to you.

GPL, Keswick Branch - Central Ontario Paranormal Investigations, Wed., Oct. 30th, 7 - 8 p.m. Free, drop-in: Interested in paranormal activity? Meet Glen Laycock, from Central Ontario Paranormal Investigators. Learn about the exciting work he and his team do, see up close the specialized equipment they use, and witness evidence of local hauntings.

Pefferlaw Lions: Hot Chocolate & Hot Dogs For Kids, Thurs. Oct., 31, 5 p.m. The Pefferlaw Lions Club will be giving out hot dogs and hot chocolate to all children Hallowe'en night, at 240 Pefferlaw Rd. (Albert and Nancy Henderson's home).

GPL, Pefferlaw Branch - "Lit on Tour Pefferlaw" with Kelley Armstrong, Fri., Nov. 1st, 7 - 8 p.m. Free, Registration Required: Best-selling author Kelley Armstrong hosts an intimate discussion about her books for teens and adult. A selection of Kelley's books will be available for sale, thanks to our friends from Blue Heron Books. Space is limited. To register, visit any GPL branch or call the Pefferlaw Branch 705-437-1514

Sutton By The Lake Clubhouse - Christmas Bazaar, Sat., Nov. 2, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 112 Roxanna Drive, Sutton West. Jewellery and Craft Tables, Baked Goods, Knitting Table, Books/DVD, Christmas Baskets.

Keswick United Church - Christmas Bazaar, Sat., Nov. 2nd, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. 177 Church Street. Nifty Festive Stuff, Baking, Clothing, Books, and Vendors, too!! Refreshments

Sutton Seniors Club 55 - Christmas Bazaar, Sat., Nov. 2, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 1 Market Square, Sutton. Crafts, Baking & Collectibles.

Wilfrid Community Hall - 44th Annual Christmas Craft Sale, Sat., Nov. 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hot lunch available.

GTTI - November meeting of Georgina Pins and Needles, Mon., Nov. 4, 7 p.m. 5207 Baseline Road, Sutton. Guest Speaker: Edith Kozma of the Quilting Gnome. Visitors \$5.00. Membership \$30.00. For more info contact Judith Ferguson - 905-722-5800.

Pefferlaw Lions Community Centre - Christmas Bazaar, Nov. 9th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 38 Pete's Lane. Bake table, handmade gifts, lucky draws. Donations appreciated - Cash - Food Bank - Animal Shelter

Knox United Church - Christmas Marketplace, Nov. 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 34 Market St, Sutton. Vendors wanted. Email: carolelockiel@gmail.com

Pefferlaw Lions Hall - Pefferlaw Lions, Remembrance Day Service, Nov. 10, 3:30 p.m.

The Wilfrid Hall - The Georgina-Brock Garden Club, Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m.

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