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Southlake takes over River Glen Haven Nursing Home in Sutton

By MIKE ANDERSON

Southlake Regional Health Centre will temporarily manage River Glen Haven Nursing Home in Sutton for 90 days, following a mandatory management order issued by the Ontario Ministry of Long-Term Care on May 25.

According to the ministry, the order was issued because River Glen Haven is unable to contain the spread of COVID-19, despite receiving hospital support for weeks.

"When we look at homes that are struggling to contain the spread of COVID-19, despite the measures we've taken...and they're still having troubles, then our obligation as a government is to take another measure and this is another measure to make sure that the safety of those residents is being safeguarded," said Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care during the Premier's daily update on May 25.

"Our government is doing everything possible to keep Ontarians safe, especially our most vulnerable. This order will allow for alternative management to restore River Glen Haven to normal operations and keep residents safe," added Caroline Mulroney, MPP York-Simcoe, who has been actively supporting the home during the outbreak.

The take over follows the introduction of an emergency order on May 12, which allows



GEORGINA FIRE DEPARTMENT FIGHTS BLAZE

Multi-unit fire in Sutton leaves more than two dozen people homeless

By MIKE ANDERSON

A gas leak is thought to be the cause of a major fire that gutted three townhouse units and severely damaged another at 113 North Street, in Sutton, on May 21, leaving more than two dozen people homeless.

Although the Ontario Fire Marshal (OFM) has yet to determine the exact cause of the

fire, eyewitnesses said a gas leak occurred in number 8, and flames quickly spread through the three-storey townhouse condominium, before igniting the neighbouring units.

The 9-1-1 call was received at 6:19 p.m., and firefighters arrived on the scene by 6:22 p.m., according to Georgina Fire Chief Ron

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the province to replace a long-term care home's management team if the home is struggling to deal with a COVID-19 outbreak.

According to York Public Health, 74 residents of RGH have tested positive for the virus - more than half of the 119-bed facility, and 19 residents have died.

Public health also reports 30 staff members have tested positive since the outbreak was first reported on April 27.

York Region's Medical Officer of Health Dr. Karim Kurji admitted last week that the outbreak at RGH was proving difficult to resolve.

"This is still an ongoing battle with respect to River Glen in particular. I don't think we can say that we've got that outbreak under control yet," he said, during a virtual town hall meeting held on May 21, hosted by Mayor Margaret Quirk.

"We have managed to close roughly three-fifths of the outbreaks that we have had in York Region. Unfortunately, some outbreaks have been very resistant to being managed, and those include River Glen."

Although the provincial take over is welcome news to family members, some believe it should have been done weeks ago.

"It's too late as far as I'm concerned. Just ask the families of the 19 people that have past from this," said Maureen McDermott, who's 92-year-old mother tested positive, but is now recovering from the virus.

"It should have happened when we were screaming from the rooftops about the non-communication, about people who tested negative being mixed in with positive cases. We knew it wasn't being managed well. They were way over their heads, and they should have said this is too big for us. Let's get the help that's out there."

Lately, there have also been

concerns that the standard of care for residents has declined, as staff are preoccupied with the outbreak.

Tanya Coons, a registered practical nurse (RPN), recently moved her mother to Southlake because she felt her 83-year-old mother was not receiving adequate treatment for a urinary tract infection (UTI), a common condition affecting the elderly.

"With the home being so understaffed and so focused on COVID-19, they don't have the right resources to be able to perform their proper tasks," she said.

"This home right now, due to the high rate of infections that have impacted staff and the residents, obviously cannot provide the same level of care. The level of care is very basic."

Family members also point to the lack of communication from the home, in particular, during the first weeks of the outbreak.

They received the first email update from RGH administration on May 15, several weeks after the outbreak was first reported.

They've also been highly critical of the home's communications concerning their loved ones, which they said lacked empathy, with bad news

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Letter to the editor

I would like to express my opinion on the Pefferlaw dam situation. While property owners are playing the nature/wildlife card in their game with the LSRCA, I believe they have little real concern for the birds & fish, flora & fauna.

Dams are known to impact nature's ability to maintain a clean, natural, cool waterway. The Pefferlaw brook dam has been causing damage to the brook for a very long time. And it is a natural brook, not a "river."

Various characters involved in having the "brook" turned into a "river" did so to help protect their claim to riparian rights. The same property owners want to have taxpayers pay to repair the dam so they can maintain their property values. I understand this, but they should be educated as to the destructive nature dams have on an ecosystem.

Another misconception is that the Pefferlaw brook's water

levels will decrease all the way to Uxbridge. I don't see how that can be the case with having dams on both branches of the brook in Udora. The effects of decommissioning the Pefferlaw dam should only have an impact upstream as far as Udora.

Other concerns the property owners have are mostly unsubstantiated. I believe the main reason the group of homeowners with property on the Pefferlaw brook are upset about the dam is over property values, and I don't think the taxpayers of Georgina/York/Ontario should be asked to pay to protect their private property.

Decommissioning the Pefferlaw dam will only improve the health of the silted warm water, unnatural brook we have now; as a result, fish and wildlife will prosper as the brook regains its natural balance in this section of the waterway.

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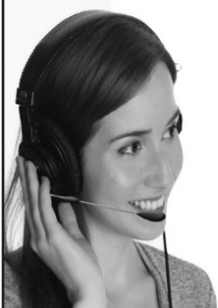
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Jenkins.

Chief Jenkins said the multi-unit fire, the largest Georgina has seen so far this year, required the entire fire department to respond, a total of 10 fire trucks and 40 firefighters.

Residents said they had just minutes to get out and were lucky to be alive, thanks largely to James Page, a neighbour, who knocked on everyone's front door.

Mr. Page, who lives in number 7, initially tried to put the fire out with a jug of water, but quickly gave up on that idea.

"I suddenly realized this ain't going to work. It was too much of an inferno. So I just got out and started pounding on the doors to get them out."

"Jim made sure everybody got out of the units, so everybody was safe," said Steve Mulvina, 65, who lives with Marianne Gravelle, 59, in the end, unit, number 9, which was gutted by the fire.

"We heard banging on the door. Jim told us to get out; the gas line was going to blow. I ran upstairs to get Marianne. She didn't even have time to pick up her medications, phone or even her purse."

Mr. Mulvina also couldn't find Marianne's two cats. "I left the door open for them, but I don't know if they got out," he said.

Mr. Mulvina was shocked by how fast the fire spread.

"Everything caught fire really fast. The flames next door were intense. Number 8 was completely burned out by the time we got downstairs," he said.

"I could see flames coming through our sliding doors into the living room. Then black smoke was coming out of the dining room window," said Ms. Gravelle, who was distraught over the loss of her home and her missing cats, but also grateful to be alive.

"If this would have happened

at night, I don't think we would have got out," she said.

"The time of day was fortunate because people were awake and aware," Chief Jenkins said. "But even with the awareness, this fire spread incredibly quickly. We were on scene in less than three minutes, but this fire already had a very good hold on the structure."

Chief Jenkins said that the speed in which this fire spread underlines the importance of having working smoke detectors in your home.

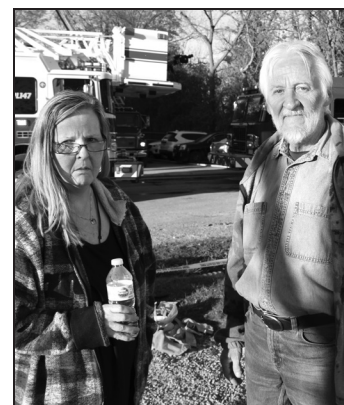
"It's critically important you have properly place smoke alarms and that you check and make sure they're working, and you have an escape plan because you really do just have seconds," he said.

According to a Town spokesperson, 26 residents were displaced by the fire; but only eight required 72-hour emergency housing provided by the Canadian Red Cross.

Despite their losses, some residents said they were fortunate it wasn't much worse.

"It's a tragedy for a small town like this. So many people who can't go back to their homes," said Alfred Timothy Porte, whose aunt's unit, number 6, was severely damaged by water and smoke. "But luckily, no one was hurt."

"The building can be replaced. But a life can't," Mr. Page added.



MARIANNE AND STEVE LOST HOME

Long-term care homes face review

By JAMES BURROWS

The Ontario government has announced an independent commission into long-term care that will begin in September.

As of May 22, 165 long-term care homes are currently experiencing a COVID-19 outbreak. Nearly 1,500 residents and six staff members of long-term care homes have died due to the virus.

"Our government has been clear that we will review the long-term care system to get a better understanding of the impacts and responses to the COVID-19 outbreak," stated Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, the Minister of Long-Term Care in a press release last week.

Others are concerned that a commission doesn't go far enough, and the Ford government is still looking to go back to its plan to cut nearly 1-billion dollars in health funding that it announced before the pandemic.

"A government commission is not a public inquiry," stated NDP leader Andrea Horwath in response to the announcement. "It's a back-room process - the same one Ford used to have Gordon Campbell justify his deep cuts. Only a public inquiry will give the residents and loved ones the voice, the answers, the respect and the change they deserve."

Ford has responded by saying a full public inquiry could take years, and this is the quickest route to get answers. Minister Fullerton also stated that the commission would be non-partisan and hold public hearings. The government announcement comes after much pressure from unions representing health care workers. The Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) released a report earlier this month that called on the Ontario

government to change the way long-term care is managed.

"RNAO has decried on numerous occasions throughout this pandemic the lack of timely public health action in congregate settings overall, and specifically the devastating effect of COVID-19 on residents of long-term care and retirement homes. On March 2, 2020, we called for the protection of residents with universal masking and pre-outbreak testing. Our call was not heeded until April 8, 2020," states the report. The report calls for the government to increase funding and capacity for community care with an increased focus on primary care, including upstream prevention of disease and increased funding for the health of vulnerable communities.

The RNAO and other unions are publicly supporting the commission but continue to be concerned that needed changes will be buried in the shape and structure the commission eventually takes. "RNAO will be watching to ensure the commission that has just been announced does not delay action that is sorely needed. The government must demonstrate its willingness to engage in real systemic reform and not tokenism."

Unifor represents more than 29,000 workers across Canada in long-term care homes and has similar concerns. "The devastating reality is that it took a pandemic for Doug Ford's government to understand just how broken the system really is in Ontario," stated Jerry Dias, the Unifor National President. "I welcome this announcement, but this inquiry must take on a new urgency to protect LTC residents and workers."

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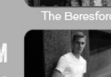
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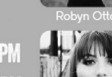
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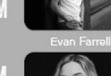
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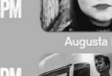
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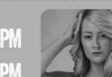
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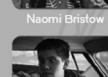
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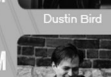
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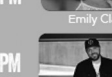
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SWEET PEA ACCESSORIES

Retail stores in Georgina are now able to reopen, but not all will

By MICHELLE POIRIER

On May 19, the first stage of the province's planned reopening began, and retail stores with a street-front entrance were among the listed businesses permitted to reopen.

But not all retail stores in Georgina have opened their doors; some owners are holding off, concerned they may be putting their customers' health at risk.

Angelo's, in Keswick, and Sweet Pea Accessories in Sutton, have both reopened with safety protocols in place.

Roseann Guglietti, the owner of Angelo's, has installed plexiglass at the cash register and will provide masks and sanitizing wipes for her customers.

She is also reducing store hours, limiting the number of people allowed in the store, and placing arrows on the floor to direct shoppers.

"If somebody doesn't want to follow the rules, they won't be allowed in," she said.

Debbie Macina-Balinas, the owner of Sweet Pea Accessories, is also limiting the number of customers in her store. They

are open three days a week now, and she offers her customers disposable masks, hand sanitizer and gloves.

While the shop was closed, Ms. Macina-Balinas sold some of her merchandise through her Facebook page before opening an official online store. She said the website has been doing well, so she plans to keep it open along with her storefront.

Ms. Macina-Balinas is optimistic about retail's new normal; her customers followed the safety protocols, and sales were good the first day back. "It was a good day. It wasn't too crowded or anything," she said.

And, despite the pandemic, after celebrating two years in business on May 5, she is hopeful for the future.

Ms. Guglietti said Angelo's closed its doors after non-essential businesses were told to shut down.

They celebrated 54 years in business on May 12, during the lockdown, and although they were closed, she said her father hasn't been able to break the habit of going into the store.

"For myself, it's been a lot

easier than my father; he's 86 years old and still comes into work every day," she said.

While Ms. Guglietti doesn't think there will be a lot of people shopping anytime soon, she did have customers come in for their reopening and followed all the guidelines.

"I didn't expect it to be overly busy or anything like that anyway, so it's easy for us to limit the number of people in the store, there's no lineup or anything like that," she said.

But not all retailers are rushing to reopen. Mona Steitieh, the owner of Auntie M's Closet in Keswick, chose not to reopen.

"The health and safety of you, my clients and friends, is what matters most," she said on her Facebook page.

After shutting their doors in March, Ms. Steitieh did start selling some merchandise through Facebook but found that it did not work well for her business and, by mid-April, she had regular clients calling her to request video shopping.

"I would go into the store by myself, and I would do a video chat with them, they would look at things and pick and choose," she said.

While this approach has been successful for her, Ms. Steitieh realizes this way of shopping is not for everyone.

Ms. Steitieh plans to take the time to get her store cleaned and ready for reopening, but she will not fully reopen to the public yet; she plans to run with reduced hours and by appointment only with her regular clients first, and then monitor the situation to see when she should re-open further.

Ms. Steitieh said she did a test run of the appointment-only shopping experience twice with close friends.

"It works, and I find that a lot of the clients on an appointment-only basis like it because they have the store to themselves, they don't have to worry about somebody coming in or taking away the time they have with me as well," she said.

She will notify her customers on May 25 when she will start taking appointments.

"Just because our doors reopen, it doesn't necessarily mean people will be flocking to our store. A lot of people are hesitant," she said.



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Clearwater Farm grows produce and jobs during pandemic

By MICHELLE POIRIER

Clearwater Farm in Willow Beach has seen sales for their food baskets triple, hiring 14 people this season to keep up with the demand.

Annabel Slight, Founder and Chair of the Board of Clearwater Farm, said while they have had new hires, they're lucky to have seasonal employees from Georgina return year after year, even during a pandemic.

"Clearwater Farm is, in a sense, getting into stride for what it was meant to do, which is ironic, but we're excited to see the roll that we can play during the pandemic," she said.

Clearwater Farm is a charitable and educational flagship project by Ontario Water Centre, focused on helping connect

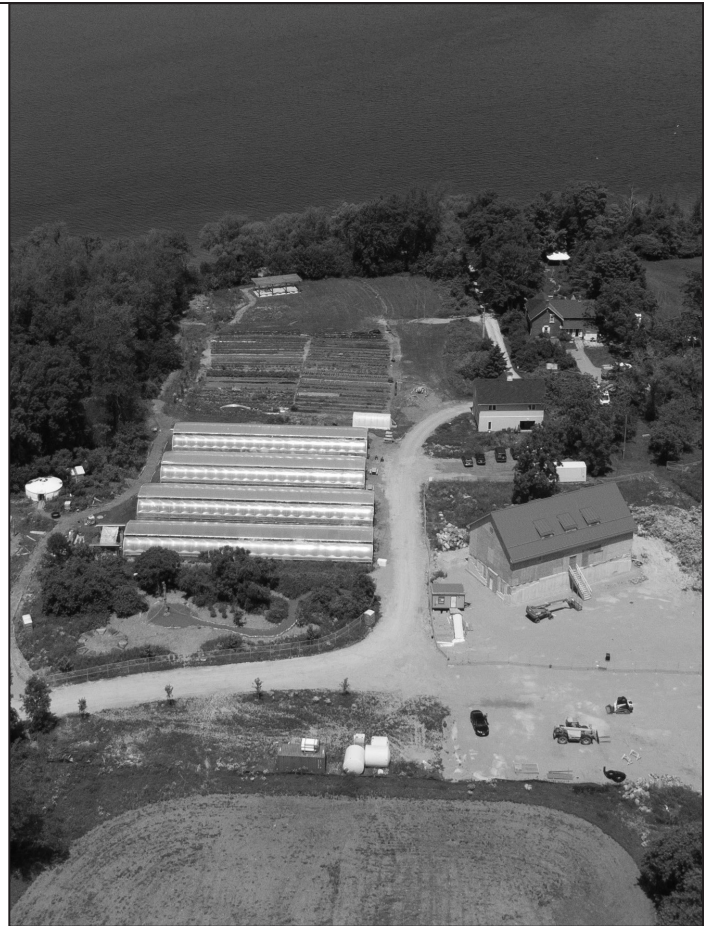
people to the land, water, food and community.

Sarah, a resident of Georgina, started her fourth season at Clearwater Farm this year. After spending the past two seasons working with children in the education program, she has moved back to working with the farming team.

"It's been good, and I'm very thankful that I have work. I'm very thankful for this opportunity, even though it isn't with the kids at the farm," she said.

Sarah has taken the lead in ensuring that all of the COVID-19 protocols are followed in the farming and packing areas of the property.

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to navigate, she said everyone is practicing social distancing and sanitizing frequently-touched surfaces to make sure everything goes out to the community in a safe way.

Clearwater Farm has also launched a program called Share Your Food. This program allows people who are ordering fresh food baskets for themselves to donate and help get similar food baskets to families in need.

"So much of how we get through this horrible dilemma is through the kindness of neighbours and thinking of others," Ms. Slaight said.

To keep up with the growing demand for their food baskets, Clearwater Farm sources produce from other local farms.

The farms within Georgina include Howard Farms, which supplies eggs, carrots and maple syrup; Hiveshare, a producer of unpasteurized, artisanal honey; Homestead Orchards

which grows asparagus, apples and strawberries, and The Cutting Veg, which specializes in organic garlic. The farms outside of Georgina that supply produce include Lunar Rhythm Gardens (Janetville), Zephyr Organics (Zephyr) Barrie Hill Farms (Barrie), and Nith Valley Organics (New Dundee).

"We are very grateful for the supportive relationships we have with other local farms. We always source as local as possible for our food basket program," said Jennifer Harrison, Director of Communications and Development for Clearwater Farm.

The Clearwater Farm property is closed to the public, but you can visit www.clearwaterkids.org for a virtual farm visit and www.clearwaterfarm.ca for more information on upcoming projects, ordering food baskets, and the Share Your Food program.

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Some of the changes include:

- All appointment requests are triaged by phone
- The Team will contact you by phone or video call at your booked appointment time
- Patients calling with symptoms of fever, cough and travel will be directed to call York Region Public Health directly for instructions
- Patients calling with symptoms of a cold, cough or flu symptoms will have a call back from an NP who will determine if you should be seen in the clinic, directed to Public Health or given symptom management instructions.
- All patients who are asked to come to the clinic for their appointment are be asked to wash their hands (sanitizer available) and to wear a mask for their visit** (if you do not have one at home, we have wonderful seamstresses who have donated cloth masks. We will give you to wear and keep after your visit.)
- Prescription renewals can be done virtually by the NP. If this is for your Blood Pressure, please provide any home readings that you have done.
- Adult wellness visits will be canceled until further notice.
- Newborn and well baby assessments will continue as scheduled (immunizations are all to be done as per the regular schedule).
- All group programs will be suspended until further notice (we will post on our website and Facebook when they are going to be re-started) *some will now be virtual!

Again, please note that these changes are only temporary and in place to ensure and optimize the health and safety of our community. We ask that you please be patient as we deal with the impact of Covid-19. Your health and wellbeing remain our number one priority.

Yours,

The Team at the Georgina Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic

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Grocery workers face harassment, as shoppers vent their frustrations

By MICHELLE POIRIER

As local grocery stores adopt a variety of measures to stop the spread of COVID-19, some grocery store employees are reporting that they've been verbally abused and harassed by frustrated customers.

One local grocery store employee, who wished to remain anonymous, told The Post that irate customers throw their hands up and swear at her. Others will leave their carts for her to put back if they don't find the product they are looking for.

"I never knew how horrible people could be until this time," she said.

Another employee who didn't want her name printed described how four men tried to bypass the line of shoppers waiting to enter the store. After some pushback, they complied and lined-up. But when told they had to go in one at a time, one of the men cut her off and yelled misogynistic and vulgar words at her before storming off.

She said it's a regular occurrence to have customers behave rudely, and that people will ignore the one person per household signs and try to bully their way in. She said her store had implemented a walkie talkie system, so employees can access the managers in case customers become abusive.

"We've had some bad experiences with a very small amount of customers going into the stores. There was a situation in Guelph where one of our members was spat on by somebody. There have been other stories like that," said Tim Deelstra, a spokesperson for United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW Canada), representing employees of companies like Zehrs, No Frills, Food Basics and Sobeys.

Mr. Deelstra said the public must play a role in protecting grocery workers. If grocery workers become sick, or too stressed-out to work, they're not going to be there to serve the public. "It's a simple case of self-interest," he said.

"We strongly encourage customers to act as patiently as they can. We understand it's frustrating when there are long lines, or if there is a limit of supplies in the store, but we also want to make sure that everybody is safe and secure as they can be," he said.

Mr. Deelstra said that the UFCW has worked closely with grocery store chains to implement protective measures for employees, including installing plexiglass dividers for cashiers. But it's up to the public to contain the spread of the virus.

"Customers should take every possible precaution, not only for the workers in the store but for themselves to. To make grocery stores as safe as possible," he said.

That means wearing a mask, if it's required to do so, selecting one family per household to go grocery shopping, limiting the number of trips to the grocery store, following social distancing protocols and disposing of masks and gloves in the garbage, as some customers are throwing them out in the parking lot.

"It's not acceptable to throw our garbage on the ground at any time," he said. "These are pieces of protective equipment that could potentially contain a virus. We should be extra cautious about how we dispose of these things."

But the problem of angry and inconsiderate customers isn't going to go away, as grocery

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Enjoy the outdoors again, but beware of ticks!

By JAMES BURROWS

As trails and conservation areas reopen across Georgina, many of us are eager to socially distance in the great outdoors.

But with scenic walks comes the risk of tick-borne diseases, which increase during the summer months.

Ticks require blood to survive and can transfer disease, especially Lyme disease, from one feeding to another. But there are some actions you can take to protect yourself and your family this summer.

Ticks are attracted to carbon dioxide that we breathe, as well as body heat. They are generally found in warm places on the body and can nestle into the armpit, behind the ear, between the legs and behind the knees.

According to Public Health Ontario, early Lyme disease symptoms may include “fever, headache, muscle and joint pain, fatigue and an expanding red rash.”

Often bites can go unnoticed until they are buried deep in the skin and become difficult to remove.

The best way to avoid bites is to use insect repellent.

Make sure to tuck your pant legs into your socks and wear proper clothes when walking outside. Some experts suggest light-coloured clothing, so you can easily see a tick on your clothes.

Stay in the middle of paths,

away from the high grass and brush that may appear on the edges of your hiking trail.

Also stay out of un-cleared areas in and around the forest floor. These are natural habitats for ticks who prefer moist, damp areas to those exposed to the sun.

If you have pets, it is important to make sure that ticks aren't being brought inside and consult your veterinarian for best practices and prevention. It's also recommended to clear tick habitat from your yard.

If you get bitten by a tick, it should be removed as soon as possible.

Follow these instructions from the Center for Disease Control (CDC):

- Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible.
- Pull upward with steady, even pressure.
- Don't twist or jerk the tick; this can cause the mouth-parts to break off and remain in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouth-parts with tweezers.

The G. Magnotta Foundation sells tick kits, and 100 per cent of their sales help support Lyme disease research at the University of Guelph. To order a kit go to: www.gmagnottafoundation.com

For more information on how to prevent a bite, remove a tick, and treat your pet visit the CDC tick page at www.cdc.gov/ticks

Ask The Expert

with Rose Sharifi



Q: While the Province of Ontario is beginning to re-open, the pandemic has created new health risks in the workplace. What should employers and workers consider prior to re-opening business and returning to work?

A: In Ontario, workers have a right to a safe workplace. What a “safe” workplace means will depend on the circumstances of the particular workplace. Ontario's Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) imposes certain duties on employers and employees to ensure a safe working environment.

The OHSA imposes duties on employers including the employer's requirements to ensure that:

- protective equipment is provided and is maintained in good condition;
- the protective equipment is used properly;
- the employer provides information, training and supervision to workers;
- the employers assists and co-operates with the health and safety representative; and
- the employer take every precaution reasonable in the circumstances for the protection of the worker.

A safe workplace is not only the responsibility of an employer, but also of the employee. Relevant to the pandemic, section 28(1) of OHSA requires a worker to (a) work in compliance with OHSA; (b) wear the protective equipment required by the employer; (c) report to the employer any absent or deficient protective equipment; (d) report to the employer any contravention of OHSA or the existence of any hazard.

Workers have a right to refuse unsafe work, but there is specific procedure that must be followed (see OHSA, section 43). The starting point before refusing to work due to unsafe conditions is for the worker to notify the employer of the safety concerns and allow the employer an opportunity to alleviate any reasonable concerns. If the worker feels conditions remain unsafe, both the employer and worker should consult the Act and/or a lawyer to determine their next course of action.

Employers should also not make health and safety decisions in a vacuum – it is essential that employers maintain an open dialogue with their employees to ensure a safe workplace.

If you have any questions regarding issues at your workplace, do not hesitate to contact a lawyer at Donnell Law Group.

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stores tackle the thorny issue of whether or not to make face coverings mandatory for their customers. As of May 4, all Longo's grocery stores require staff and customers to wear a mask or face covering. T&T stores have also made it mandatory for staff and customers to wear masks. But, so far, grocery stores in Georgina have not followed suit.

Michael Lindemann, General Manager of The Queensway Marketplace, said approximately half of their customers are wearing masks. Still, it is up to the staff and customers to decide if they want to wear one.

Natasha Compton, Director of External Communications for Sobey's, said they do supply PPE to their staff, and it is mandatory for staff working in the bakery and deli to wear masks. But other staff and customers do not have to wear one. However, masks could

eventually become mandatory in grocery stores, as public health officials continue to revise their recommendations and public opinion swings in favour of making masks mandatory. A recent online poll conducted by The Post showed 71 per cent of more than 1,000 respondents want grocery stores to ask their customers to wear masks.

But while there could be a backlash against wearing masks, as we've seen in the U.S., it's important to note that the majority of grocery store customers in Georgina are complying with the COVID-19 measures. "I do get very nice people who appreciate me, and I appreciate them. And some people notice the signs; I'll see them split up and one of them goes to wait in the car. I'll see that, and I appreciate that," said one grocery store employee.

OBITUARY

BRILLINGER (née Dixon), Barbara G. — On April 28, 2020 Barbara Brillinger 86, passed away peacefully in her sleep at Extencicare Kirkland Lake. Barbara will be deeply missed by her devoted and cherished son John & daughter-in-law, Jane Campbell of Cookstown. Barbara is also survived by her daughter, Anna (Dan Fraser) of North Bay, two granddaughters, Clara (B.C.) and Tia (Hamza Aouni) of Ottawa. She be missed deeply by her best friend and sister-in-law, Marie (Frank White) of Sutton West; brother-in-law, Ron Brillinger (Sharon) of Bethany and Marilyn Newton, Stouffville and many beloved nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her husband Arnold John Brillinger, son Kenneth Grant Brillinger, parents Patti & Harold

Dixon, Harold & Gladys Dron, sister in law, Dorothy & brother in law, Eldon Yake, niece Ruth Fekete, brother-in-law, Jim Newton, and other family members.

The family would like to thank each of the kind caregivers who cared tirelessly for her at Extencicare, Kirkland Lake. Cremation has taken place & an interment will be planned at St. James Cemetery, L'Amable, ON at a later date. Memorial donations to Diabetes Canada or The Alzheimer's Society of Canada would be appreciated in Barb's memory.

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