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Raw sewage from Ramada contaminates Bonnie Park

By MIKE ANDERSON

According to residents, raw sewage from the Ramada Jackson's Point Resort & Spa has been leaking into Bonnie Park since January.

The source of sewage may be a septic tank used to service the motel wing of the resort.

But Ramada management declined to comment on the matter, referring the Post to the Town for an explanation.

The Town says it confirmed sewage was leaking onto Bonnie Park on July 20, and that the spill was caused by a malfunction in Ramada's plumbing system, which has now been fixed.

However, Paul Brady, who lives across from the park, says he notified the Town of the spill six months ago.

Brady says he first noticed the spill in January when the area remained wet after the rest of the park froze.

He emailed Mayor Margaret Quirk, Ryan Cronsberry, the Town's CAO, and Town staff about the issue, but the Town did not respond.

He says he also emailed Ward 4 Councillor Frank Sebo in March after he warned children not to play in the area, but, again, nothing was done.

After months of inaction, several residents posted their concerns on a group Facebook



MIDWAY RIDES, 2019

Sutton Fair returns for 165th season

By MICHELLE POIRIER

Midway rides, truck and tractor pulls, and a demolition derby are just some of the popular events expected to attract record crowds at the Sutton Fair and Horse Show, which returns for its 165th season after a two-

year pause due to the pandemic.

This year's full-scale fair will run for four days on August 4, 5, 6, and 7, and the theme is Cowboy Boots and Country Roots.

"We're glad we're back, and we hope that

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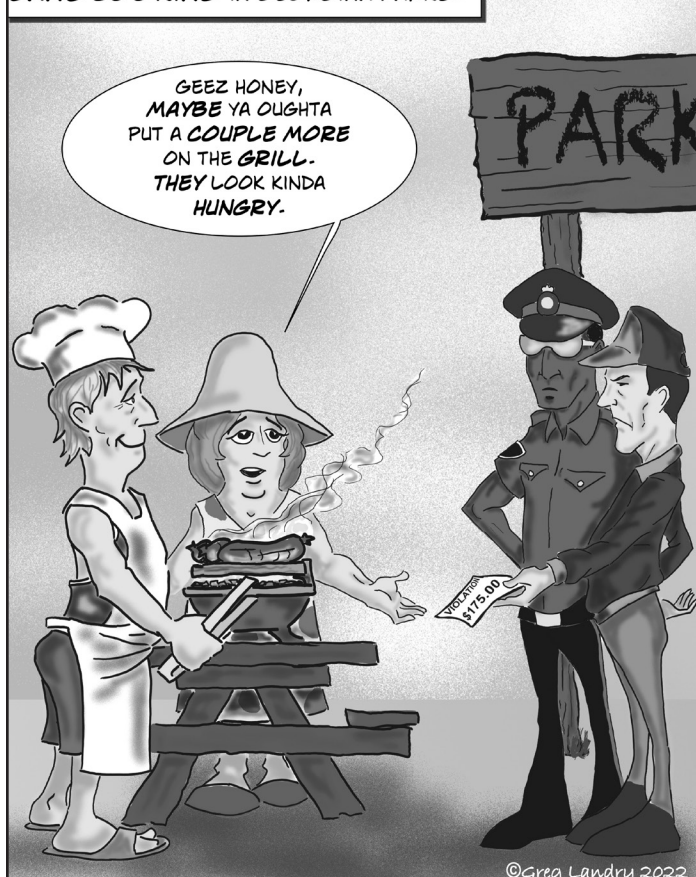
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PAUL BRADY BY SEWAGE SPILL

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page, Friends of Jackson's Point, and at least one resident contacted public health.

Last week, the area was cordoned off with yellow caution tape to keep park users, specifically children, away from the spill.

On July 20, Brady again tried emailing the Mayor, CAO and Town staff, but this time he attached a picture of the spill, which clearly showed human feces, sanitary tissue and a used condom.

After Brady's email, the Town erected a temporary fence around the spill.

"Last week, I went under the caution tape and took a picture of where the sewage is coming out of the ground at the back of the wall," he said.

"I sent the photo to the Town. That's what finally activated this. If I hadn't done that, I'm sure we would still just have the tape."

While the area is now fenced off, there is no signage to warn residents and visitors about the spill or potential health hazards.

The Post approached several people using the park this past weekend, and they were surprised to find out about the spill. They also wondered why signage was not posted.

Brady says a vacuum truck soaked up most of the sewage over the weekend.

But he believes the soil around

the spill is probably contaminated and needs to be either removed or treated.

The Town says its insurer will hire an environmental remediation company to test the soil to determine the extent of the contamination and formulate a clean-up plan if testing deems it necessary.

According to the Town, the insurer will administer the work and decide whether Ramada should bear any cost.

While it appears the Town is now taking action, Brady says it has been a frustrating experience.

"I said to the Mayor in one of my emails; I'll bet this is the first time since the 1930s that a town resident has to write to town officials, begging them to stop sewage coming onto a town park."

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Letters to the Editor:

Boat renters need license

Last summer we watched a number of young people launch jet skis into the river beside Keswick Marine. They seemed challenged as to how to operate the vessels and we inquired if they had boating licenses. The operator of the ski jets rentals told us they had watched a video and that was all that is required when renting a motor boat, no license. I checked with the police marine unit and was told that is the new law. If I use my boat and forget my license or do not have one, I get a \$305 fine. But a renter gets to watch a video for a few minutes and bobs your uncle.

Our beautiful lake is under a lot of stress and boating is just one of the problems. If anyone wants to see incompetence just spend a few hours at the Rayners launch at Lake Dr and Rayners Rd.

Your article in the July 10/22 Georgina Post with regards to the 59 fatalities on our waterways in just two years speaks for itself. More and more people using our lake for fishing, canoeing, kayaking and stand up boarding, with high speed motorboats driven by unlicensed operators, is a recipe for disaster.

Tony Tallon, Keswick

Council votes themselves a pay raise. Why not?

There have been many comments made, mostly negative, regarding Georgina's Council voting themselves a 33% pay increase. This is to come into effect after the next election, so those who are re-elected will benefit. I think some of our council members are worth the increase, but I ask myself are we receiving full value for money? I think Georgina needs to raise

its game in a few key areas. We don't need more staff. We do need more efficiency, deployment of technology, strict service level guarantees, and aggressive elimination of unnecessary expenses.

We need to get serious about Economic Development. During a recent Mayor's breakfast event, there was a re-listing of the same news of the past several

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years. We've had approved "Employment Lands" that are sitting empty on the east side of Woodbine for a very long time. To fill them, we need to compete at a high level with the other 443 municipalities in York Region and the province, to say nothing of the rest of Canada and the world. Perhaps our Mayor and Deputy Mayor could stop arguing with each other long enough to get on the road attracting new investment.

When a municipal tax dollar is raised in Georgina, almost all of it comes from residential taxation, very little from industrial or commercial taxpayers. How can we do a lot better to improve that huge imbalance? We need to staff, and adequately fund, Economic Development if we are to compete at a high level. Another pot shop or another pizza store are not what I'm talking about.

Maybe more remuneration for council members will send a message that we'll pay, but we expect and will demand better performance. If you aren't happy with your accountant or lawyer, you move to a better one. Maybe more compensation for council members will attract new candidates this October who will add quality and depth to the discussion. Let's expect and demand better value for money.

How do we compare with other similar sized municipalities in Key Performance Indicators? Let's find out if we are receiving good value for our money. The information is out there. I am in favour of the increased salary for council, but I'll be watching closely how they perform. This is an important municipal election in October, I hope to see you at the polling place.

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nobody forgot about us," said Jason Kay, the fair's president, who promises fun for the whole family.

According to Victoria Pike, one of the fair's directors, dozens of volunteers have been working hard completing repairs, cutting the grass, and painting the fences to get the grounds ready.

"The Sutton Fair and Horse Show has been part of the community for over 160 years due to the efforts of dedicated volunteers. This tradition continues today," said Kevin and Sandra Hutchings, owners of Hutchings Farm in Pepperlaw, who have been volunteering with their four kids.

"Every Wednesday night, volunteers, including their kids, meet at the fairgrounds to get the grounds ready for the fair. We want to instill in them the importance of giving back to the community. It's the only way the fair and many other community events will continue."

Pike said they are thrilled to have the fair back this year, and there are many events to get fairgoers excited.

"We have Aqua Dogs on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, which is a featured event that we

do not have every year," she said.

They'll also run the truck and tractor pull on Thursday evening and the demolition derby on Saturday evening. The midway, the agricultural events and the home craft exhibits are also open during the four days.

"With my two small children, we love visiting the home craft exhibit, there's the kids' corner, there's photography entries, there's baking, there's vegetables, horticultural, and flowers," she said.

Pike said the entries to the different categories would be judged on Thursday morning. So when the fair opens that afternoon, everyone will be able to see how the contestants did.

"Come to the fair; you won't be disappointed," she said.

Advanced adult day passes are available for \$10 each at Sutton and Keswick Home Hardware until August 3, along with midway passes for \$40 each that allow one person to ride all midway rides for one day; passes are not available during the fair.

Further information on the fair and this year's prize book can be found on their website www.suttonfair.com.

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Generally, the testator must be 18 or older, but there are exceptions to the age rule. One exception is if the testator is under 18 and a member of the Canadian Forces (either as part of a regular force or active service under the National Defence Act, or is a sailor and at sea or in the course of a voyage), in which case they can still make a valid will. Another exception to the age requirement is if the testator is married or has previously been married. If the underage testator makes a will in the contemplation of marriage to a specific named person, the will becomes valid only when the testator marries that specific person.

After satisfying the age rule or an exception, the next step in creating a valid will is to make sure that the testator has sufficient mental capacity, which is often referred to as testamentary capacity. Having testamentary capacity means that the testator is able to understand what it means to make a will and understands the extent of the property and assets that they own. The person making the will must also be capable of comprehending and appreciating the relationship they have with the person or persons who should receive any part of their estate. The testator must also not be under any delusions that would influence any of their decisions when making a will.

If it is proven that a testator lacked testamentary capacity at the time of giving their instructions for their will and at the time it was signed, then the will may not be valid.

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ELENA RINNE (RIGHT)

Women's march highlights need for abortion services

By MICHELLE POIRIER

The first-ever Georgina March for Women's Rights, which took place on July 9 in Keswick, was in part a show of support for the millions of U.S. women who lost their constitutional right to an abortion after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned its 1973 landmark legal decision, *Roe v. Wade*, on June 24.

But it was also intended to highlight the lack of abortion services in York Region, which forces pregnant women to travel to Toronto or Peel to obtain a legal abortion.

Keswick resident Elena Rinne, a social justice advocate and grade 11 student at Keswick High School, organized the march after watching media reports about the impact of the U.S. Supreme Court decision on women's reproductive rights.

While Rinne had hoped to attract close to a hundred participants, just over a dozen people showed up at the Georgina Ice Palace to demonstrate on Woodbine Ave. Still, they got quite a few honks of support from passing motorists.

Before the march, several speakers shared their personal stories and support for women's

rights.

"Many of you may be asking, how does this affect Canada? What does this have to do with me?" Rinne said.

"Last year, 81 of 119 Conservative MPs voted to restrict abortion rights in Canada, and three PC candidates in the last Ontario provincial election said there are "no circumstances" in which a woman should have access to abortion."

Rinne said access to abortion is a huge issue in Canada, as some provinces and territories have only one provider.

Kendra Mullings, former Chair of Georgina's Equity and Diversity Advisory Committee, reiterated that although abortion is legal in Canada, legal does not mean accessible.

"America's decision will reduce access to local and safe abortions here in Canada. And it'll greatly impact wait times at clinics and other services that are already struggling to meet healthcare needs right here in Canada. Not to mention the massive impact on the stigma around abortions," Mullings said.

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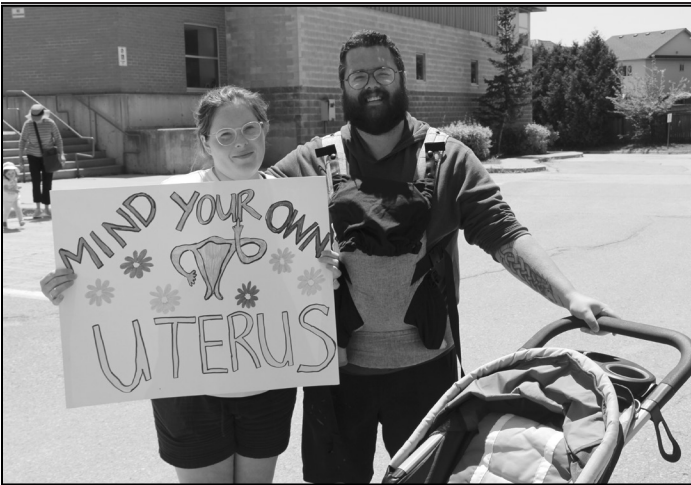
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provincial governments to help clinics with more funding, to improve access for Canadians. As Canadians, we need to ensure that access to abortion is enshrined into our law so that we are never forced to be in the same situation that pregnant American women are now in."

Madison Oliver, a volunteer with the Women's Support Network of York Region, attended the march with her partner and two children.

Oliver, who volunteers on the women's crisis line, is upset that in York Region, with a population of more than 1.2 million, pregnant women still have to travel to get an abortion.

"We shouldn't have to go to Toronto. And, if that's what's happening in York Region, what's happening in some of the smaller towns in Ontario and across the country? I think the message today is around accessibility in Canada," she said.

While York Region's sexual health clinics provide information about pregnancy options for clients, they do not offer abortion services.

"York Region continues to provide pregnancy testing and options to support our clients who are pregnant, including referral for clients who require abortion services," Lindsay Rosien, a public health nurse and team lead for York Region's sexual health clinics, told the Post.

"We also actively promote and provide contraception and emergency contraception services in our five York Region clinics, which includes the Georgina Sexual Health Clinic, located at the Link in Sutton."

Rinne still holds out hope things may change.

"Even though we are a very small community, we can still make an impact," she said.

And while the turnout for the march was less than she expected, Rinne hopes to continue to educate and bring different perspectives to the issue.

"If a march like this will get somebody to do a Google search or take a picture and try to learn more, then that's a good thing. I hope that more people will learn from today," she said.



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GEORGINA ROLLER DERBY LEAGUE

Roller Derby rink installed at Ice Palace

By MICHELLE POIRIER

The Georgina Roller Derby League (GRDL) has a new permanent roller derby track at the Ice Palace.

The track has been a long time coming as the team used to have to chalk the track out but were given the okay by the Town to permanently paint the track before the pandemic.

“Now that things are re-opening [the Town] kept that promise. And so, we came in and spent the day and did it. The Town’s been fantastic and so, we’d like to thank them. They’ve been very supportive of us,” Michelle Vacca, GRDL Founder and President, said.

Mayor Margaret Quirk attended the official ribbon cutting earlier this summer and said the track was wonderful.

“There’s so much potential for growth. The team and all that they want to bring to the town. The learn to skate program, that’s impressive. The potential to do more and become an economic driver in terms of people coming from all over, teams coming from all over. This is great, I’m really excited for them,” Mayor Quirk

said.

Vacca said they had a lot of plans pre-pandemic that had to be postponed or changed, including games, scrimmages, public skate nights and the junior league.

“Now that this moment has come, where the track is actually here, it’s enabled that to happen now,” she said.

They have started their Learn to Skate program and Vacca said it has been very popular.

“We get the most amazing people at all different skill levels, some who have never skated before, to some who use to roller skate back in the day and it’s been a while,” she said.


The current program has already started, but Vacca said they are planning to have another in January or February.

They have also started a junior division.

“We just started, the kids are really good, they catch on really quick,” Stephanie Davies, President of Georgina Junior Roller Derby League, said.

Vacca said they are focusing on practicing and getting back


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"We're going to need some time, but when we're ready, I can promise you we are going to fill every one of these seats and bring the most awesome derby to Georgia that you can imagine, as well as just fun recreational roller skating," she said.

"We had big plans, we are

really prepared to hit the floor running, or rolling, but we have to get back at a certain level, we don't want to put our skaters in any sort of danger."

For more information about the GRDL or their programs, you can contact them at GeorginaRollerDerby@gmail.com or on the Georgina Roller Derby Facebook page.



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JUNE SCANDIFFIO & MARILYN VERDOOLD

Art Brings Us Together!

By EWA CHWOJKO-SRAWLEY

It is often said that some people are creative, and others are not. But that's not true.

Just look at the 'Edible Art' designed by participants of the event Art Connects.

Everyone got messy, had fun creating and sharing ideas, and catching up with friends.

"When I learned about the resident-led Quick Action Grant, I immediately had this vision of the community connecting through working together on an art project," said June Scandiffio, a volunteer at the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture.

"We all have been isolated for a long time due to the pandemic, and what could help better for our mental health than unleashing our creative powers."

Together with other volunteers, she organized this fun-filled event which attracted almost forty people.

"I am not an artist, so I didn't think I would do a good job with designing edible flowers, but once I started putting the fruits and veggies together, I got hooked! This event was therapeutic and thoroughly enjoyable," said Marilyn Verdoold.

Before the hands-on activity, the participants watched a slide show of paintings of flowers throughout the ages for inspiration.

"Just watching these wonderful images puts your mind into an imaginative mode, and you too want to create," said Lisa Chianelli.

Art Connects was one of many community-led events organized through funding provided by The United Way Greater Toronto and the Georgina Community Action Table. Funding is available for individuals and for charitable organizations. The purpose is to address two critical issues in our community: mental well-being and income generation.

To find out more, or to apply for the fall round of grants contact anthony@routescc.org.



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COMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Sutton Legion - Country Wing

Ding - Sunday, July 31, 1 pm to 5 pm. Live music by Bill Dickinson. Wings, fries and onion wings. Event will be held outside if weather cooperates. (21 East St, Sutton)

Sutton Legion - Friday Night Dinner, Aug 12, 5-6:30 pm.

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Lorne died unexpectedly at age 73 at his home in Georgina. Lorne was born in Toronto to William Louis Hector (Bill) and Joyce Adelaide (Chatterton) Prince. He was the younger brother of Ross and Garry Prince.

Lorne grew up in 'The Beach' around the large extended Prince and Chatterton families and attended Malvern Collegiate. Lorne was a life-long learner with an interest in spirituality and addiction counseling. He received an Honours BA from Glendon College in 1976, his Master of Divinity from Trinity College (University of Toronto) in 1996 and a PHD in PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disease) in 2015. Among his various jobs, he consulted for the US Army, was a pastor at St George's Anglican Church in Sutton and a chaplain at Sibbald Point Provincial Park.

Lorne had some challenges in life which he faced bravely, including physical difficulties that were a result of his throat cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Lorne is predeceased by his brother Dr. Garry Edward Prince (2020). Lorne is survived by his dear friend and former wife Lorraine Heaton, his brother Dr. William Ross (Carol) Prince, his nephews Ian (Brynn) Prince and David Prince, his nieces Andrea (Bruce) Durrell and Gail Prince, as well as five great-nieces. He will be missed.

Celebration of life and scattering of ashes will be held at 11am on Wednesday August 3 at St. George's Anglican Church, 408 Hedge Rd. Georgina L0E 1R0.

Online condolences may be made through <https://www.koprivataylor.com/>



Ask The Expert

with Kevin Zaldin

**Do you want your fiancée to sign a Marriage Contract?**

If your upcoming wedding is not stressing you out yet, should you ask your soon to be spouse to sign a Marriage Contract? When planning a bright and romantic future together should you have that non-romantic or even hostile conversation about protecting your assets in case of Divorce?

The Ontario Family Law Act tells us what can be included in a Marriage Contract.

Marriage contracts

52(1) Two persons who are married to each other or intend to marry may enter into an agreement in which they agree on their respective rights and obligations under the marriage or on separation, on the annulment or dissolution of the marriage or on death, including,

- (a) ownership in or division of property;
- (b) support obligations;
- (c) the right to direct the education and moral training of their children, but not the right to custody of or access to their children; and
- (d) any other matter in the settlement of their affairs.

Simply put, a Marriage Contract allows the spouses to determine for themselves what happens if the couple divorces, instead of using the standard property and support formulas.

There are exceptions such as which parent your future children will live with, dealing with the Matrimonial Home, etc.

If you and/or your future spouse have that asset that you want to protect, both future spouses should each hire a lawyer to negotiate a Marriage Contract. If the rules of negotiation and drafting the Marriage Contract are followed, a Court should hold the separating spouses to their previously negotiated agreement if the spouses separate.

You will need more than a simple line of, "What's mine is mine and what's yours is yours."

If you own your own home or want to protect your wealth for yourself and even for your children from a previous relationship, you should be having that unromantic conversation and talk about a Marriage Contract.

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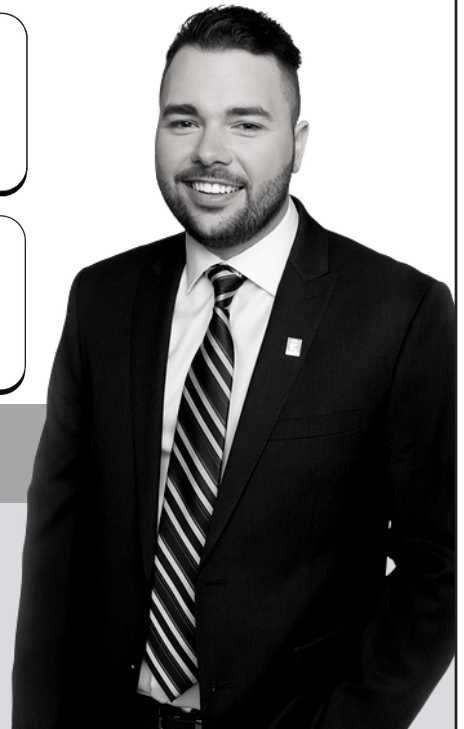
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