



Less than half the picture by Richard Bercuson

How Not To Be A Victim

Once, years ago, I got careless. We lived on a dead end street, homes on one side, fields and woods across. Meager street lighting. Nobody had security cameras. My driveway neighbour had a motion detection light that suffered from intermittent success.

break-in in the area, the last house at the dead end. It was the prettiest on the street, both architecturally appealing and inviting since its bay windows revealed much of the interior. Otherwise, zero crime. Till one A couple of other neighbours

summer night.

I left the car in the driveway unlocked. My trendy Oakley sunglasses, purchased from Ron Jon Surf Shop in Cocoa Beach, sat on the dash, a handful of change in the console. My neighbour, Jim, drove a lovely Lexus and, coincidentally, he left it unlocked that night as well.

The next morning, both our driver's doors were ajar. Sunglasses and coins gone. Glove box open. Yet, there'd been just one home The thief had thankfully left me the car manual. My neighbour's vehicle was also invaded though nothing was taken because he left nothing in the car. Did I mention he was an RCMP Inspector?

were "hit" but the loot was minimal. As Inspector Jim said when we stood in the driveway, with me lamenting the sunglass theft, thieves aren't smart. They don't think; they just do. Jails are full of them for a reason.

Which brings me to the recent spate of vehicle break ins and the security camera footage showing these lesser lights bouncing from car to car, hoping to land a treasure trove. While hope isn't a plan, opportunity serves as a decent replacement. I'm going to go out on a limb and guess that the "hoodied" thieves did not get bored with their graduate philosophy essays and needed some excitement as a respite.

Brooklin is a target because it's an affluent area, is easy to get into and out of and, in any given sub-division, one is bound to find unlocked doors at three a.m. The theft I experienced was similar: a

quiet well-to-do suburb with easy escape routes and complacent residents.

While I still mourn the Ron Jon sunglasses, the event made me paranoid about our cars not presenting a welcome mat for society's detritus. They're locked and empty. This isn't to say I no longer have careless moments or hold a belief that my porch is offlimits to bad people. To wit, the Purolator bag of books swiped from my stoop at 1:30 am a couple of summers ago by a local kid, all caught on camera. The culprit was found, warned, and the books returned. So much for leaving stuff outside overnight.

The police call these crimes of opportunity. Still, we live in a wonderfully safe community which we could make even more so by taking common sense precautions and watching out for each other.

What You Need To Know This Week:



Winter Weather eNews Alerts

Sign up to receive news alerts on the Town's snow clearing efforts directly to your inbox at whitby.ca/Subscribe

Registration Now Open For Winter Programs

Looking to register yourself or a family member for a program like swimming classes, basketball or 55+ Art Classes? Browse ACTIVE Net and register now. Sessions start January 10. whitby.ca/GetActive



Whitby Lights The Night And Holiday Festival

Looking for something fun to do this holiday season? We've got you covered! From Spot Santa, to holiday webinars, to the Downtown Whitby BIA's Christmas Market, to visiting the Town's WISH sign for a photo, mark your calendars and learn more about all the activities available to get you in the festive spirit: whitby.ca/LightsTheNight



DRPS Food And Toy Drive

'Tis the season of giving. Drop off new, unwrapped toys or non-perishable food items at your local Whitby fire hall or Durham Region police station to support families in need. whitby.ca/HolidayCheer



Community Grants Available

Whitby is inviting local community and non-profit organizations that help make the Town a vibrant and caring community to apply for Community Development Grants. whitby.ca/CommunityFunds



How Is Climate Change Affecting You?

Have you noticed environmental changes like more flooding or severe winter weather? Sign up on iseechange.org/Whitby and share your experiences with us for the chance to win an iPad. Contest open now through January 7.

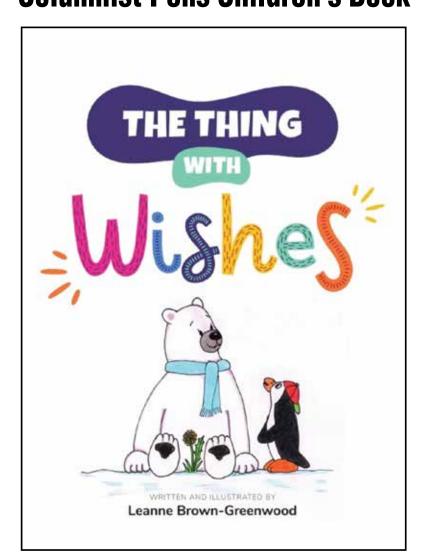


Vaccines For Children 5-11 Available Now

Children five to 11-years old are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Whitby residents in eligible priority groups are encouraged to book a vaccination appointment online at durham.ca/VaccineAppointments



Columnist Pens Children's Book



Leanne Brown, who writes the BTC "Our Brooklin Kids" column, has recently published a children's book entitled "The Thing With Wishes." She is also the book's illustrator.

The paperback is now available on Amazon for \$12.95. According to the descriptor, "Dandelions can pop up anywhere. So when a young polar bear named Booker finds a dandelion puff in the snow he is filled with wonder. Finding a dandelion wish is magical. But choosing what his wish will be is a big decision. With the help of his friend Page, Booker unexpectedly finds the perfect wish."



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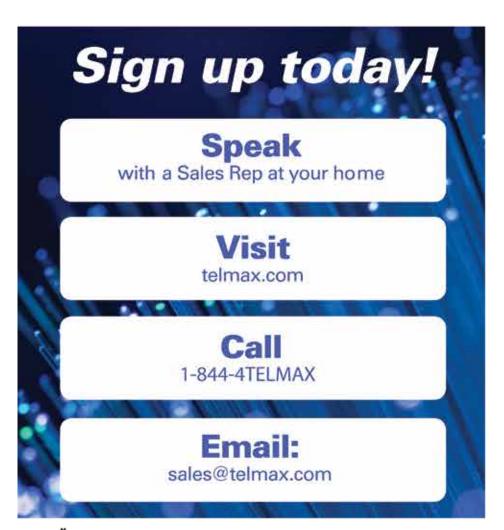
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Open House Summary Re Highway 7/12 Alternate Route

Last summer the Town of Whitby included survey results as well employed an online approach to as a list of questions posed durreceiving community feedback ing a July 22 webinar attended about the highway 7/12 alternative route due to Covid restrictions.

In August and September, this House #3 Summary Report: newspaper printed opinion articles from councillors, the Mayor, views on the on-going debate about where the road should/ should not go and why. Suba summary of the feedback it

by 120 individuals at which over 160 questions were posed.

From the Community Open

In general, the online survey results were split evenly between and residents expressing their those who support the Technically Preferred Corridor (Alternative A) and those who did not support the recommendations. sequently, the town published As an example, Table 1 below shows the results for the quesreceived through a variety of tion that asked: "Please read the communication channels. This following statement below and

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disagree) to 5 (strongly agree): I support the Technically Preferred Corridor (Alternative A, Town-

rate it on a scale of 1 (strongly line Road/Lake Ridge Road) as the best alternative route for the Highway 7/12 Highway."

Community Open House No.3 Online Survey Results

Options	Results
Strongly Agree	108 (35%)
Somewhat Agree	34 (11%)
Neither	9 (3%)
Somewhat Disagree	7 (2%)
Strongly Disagree	149 (49%)

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Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe

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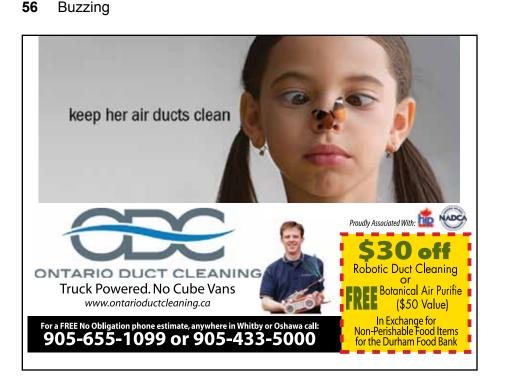
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42	Grassy plain									
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	consisting of a flat
	insulated surface
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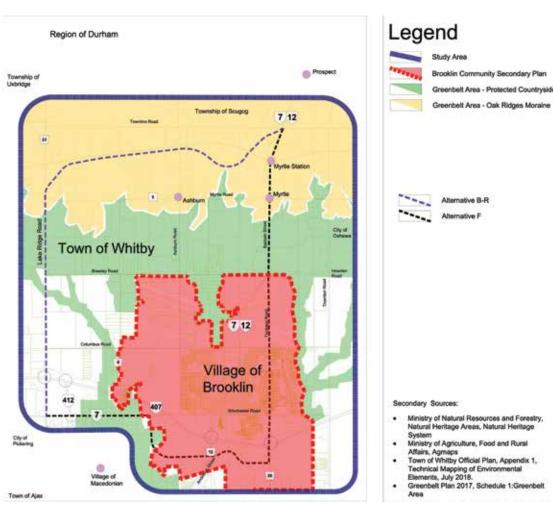


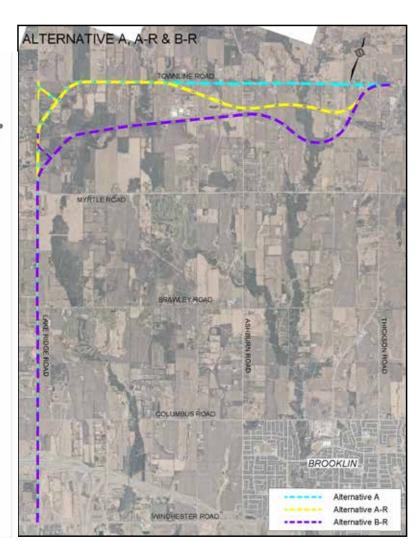
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9	Archaeological find
10	"The Three Faces of"
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Based on the comments received and level of involvement. approximately half of survey responders support the Technically Preferred Corridor (Alternative A). The half that do not support

Alternative A have expressed concerns with the provincial highway travelling through the Oak Ridges Moraine and environmental (sic) sensitive lands. Based on community com-

ments, a modified Alternative B will be added into the evaluation include an evaluation of Alternative A, Alternative A-R and Alternative B-R (revised).

Editor's Note: Both the letter from the Town of Whitby (with for consideration. The next steps FAQs) and the full Open House #3 summary report are on the BTC web site: brooklintowncrier.com





Luther Vipond By Jennifer Hudgins

June, 1982 - Whitby Town Council holds a moment of silence to honour Luther Ernest Vipond who has tragically died from injuries sustained in an accident while helping a friend. He was 67. His funeral service is held at the Brooklin United Church since the Carson Funeral Home cannot accommodate the large numbers wishing to mourn the loss of one of Brooklin's most respected residents.

Luther Vipond distinguished himself as an athlete, coach, manager, executive, sponsor, mentor, and community builder. He served in World War 2 with the North Nova Scotia Highlanders and was one of 14,000 Canadians who landed on the Normandy beaches on D-Day.

Worked the farm

He and his twin brother Lewis were the first sons for his parents Myron and Gertrude Vipond. Luther attended the Brooklin Continuation school on Winchester Road and helped his father work

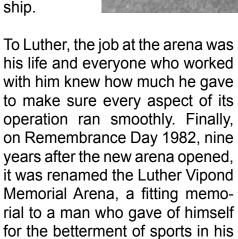
their 210-acre farm located where the Meadowcrest subdivision stands today. After the war, Luther moved to Sudbury for a while to work in the nickel mines.

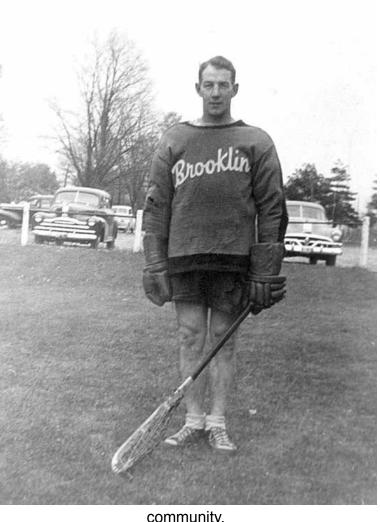
From his youth, Luther had a passion for sports. He began his lacrosse career in the 1930s and was a key player on Brooklin's Senior B team until the team folded in 1943. Though his lacrosse career was on hold during the war, he took up the sport again upon his return and helped Brooklin to its first Ontario Lacrosse Association championship at the intermediate C level.

He retired from playing in 1953 to coach the Brooklin Broncos and later joined the club's executive. This was the beginning of a long involvement in off-floor direction of Brooklin's lacrosse clubs. The current Brooklin Lacrosse Club, previously known as the Redmen, continue to recognize his contribution by annually awarding the Luther Vipond trophy to the executive who demonstrates the standards Luther represented during his long association with the sport.

Managed first arena

Luther was among the volunteers who constructed the Brooklin Memorial arena on Winchester Road (see the BTC story from the Nov. 19 issue). When it opened in 1949. Luther's Uncle John Vipond managed the building maintenance with Luther as his assistant until John retired and Luther took over, serving as manager until his own retirement in 1979. However, during these years, he was active as a minor lacrosse and hockey coach and won the 1955 OMHA juvenile D hockey champion-





community.

Luther was inducted into the Whitby Sports Hall of Fame in 2011 following his son Peter who was inducted in 2003.

Luther Vipond rests at Groveside Cemetary alongside his wife Esther...

Photo courtesy of Whitby Archives

Plant-Based Eating by Sheree Nicholson



Vegan on the Cheap

A common question I'm asked is, "Isn't it expensive to be vegan?" The answer is both yes and no. Yes, it can be expensive to buy pre-made packaged vegan food. But no, it's not expensive if you cook from scratch. Once you learn the basics, your food bill can be lower than omnivores. My partner eats meat and I am often shocked at its cost these days. On the flip side, I find Beyond Beef burgers expensive, too.

The key to being vegan on the cheap is to buy unprocessed foods in bulk. Bulk food stores are great and most grocery stores have bulk food sections. I am a Costco member and buy many organic staples in larger quantities including canned black beans, tomatoes, chickpeas, lentils, pasta, tofu and more. The selection of organic foods at Costco is continuously

increasing.

Healthy and cheap

A quick dinner might be pasta, with a can of tomatoes, a can of chickpeas, and some spices. The total cost is less than \$10 and would serve two to three meals, making it healthy for both my body and my wallet. A standard size block of tofu will feed me two meals and costs about \$3 a block. Tofu is an excellent source of protein and very versatile; it's like the "chicken" of vegan meals.

Produce can be expensive but is less costly when in-season and local. Off-season, you can get pretty good deals buying frozen vegetables. I purchase as much fresh produce as I can afford and then supplement with frozen. Recently I roasted frozen broccoli and was pleasantly surprised at the taste.

Frozen is costly

The one area where vegan foods consistently cost more is frozen dinners. That's mainly because vegan offerings tend to be made from high-quality organic ingredients. Plus, since there are fewer vegans, demand is lower, which means the cost is higher. The more people demand plantbased foods, the lower the costs will be. Both Farm Boy and The Super Centre offer competitively priced plant-based alternatives that are worth checking out.

The following recipe is inexpensive, tasty and comes from www. mimimalistbaker.com:

8 ounces extra-firm tofu 1-2 Tbsp olive oil 1/4 red onion (thinly sliced) 1/2 green pepper (thinly sliced) 2 cups kale (loosely chopped)

SAUCE

1/4 tsp sea salt 1/2 tsp garlic powder 1/2 tsp ground cumin 1/4 tsp chili powder Water (to thin) 1/4 tsp turmeric (optional)

Instructions

Pat tofu dry and roll in a clean, absorbent towel with something heavy on top for 15 minutes. While tofu is draining, prepare sauce by adding dry spices to a small bowl and adding enough water to make a pourable sauce. Set aside.

Prep veggies and warm a large skillet over medium heat. Once hot, add olive oil and the onion and red pepper. Season with a pinch each of salt and pepper and stir. Cook until softened about 5 minutes.

Add kale, season with a bit more salt and pepper, and cover to steam for 2 minutes.

Unwrap tofu and use a fork to crumble into bite-sized pieces.

Use a spatula to move the veggies to one side of the pan and add tofu. Sauté for 2 minutes, then add sauce, pouring it mostly over the tofu and a little over the veggies. Stir immediately, evenly distributing the sauce. Cook for another 5-7 minutes until tofu is slightly browned.

Serve immediately. I like to add more flavour with salsa, hot sauce, and/or fresh cilantro.

Sheree's Hack: Use the leftovers the next day for a breakfast burrito.

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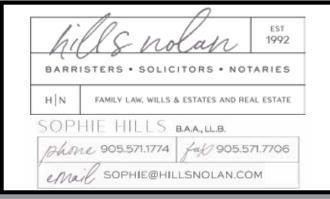


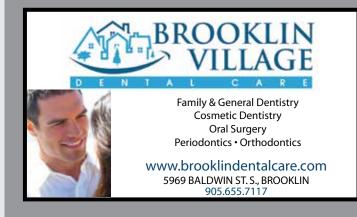


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New Signal Lights Coming

Council has approved the follow- fic control signals, funded by the ing temporary signalization and permanent traffic signal projects to be included in the 2022 bud- 1 - Baldwin Street at Canary get and 10-year capital forecast, considering the Region's requirements for unwarranted traf-

Growth Reserve Fund:

Street in the amount of \$200,000 in 2022 (temporary signal) and \$175,000 in 2025 (permanent signal).

> 2 - Thickson Road Glengowan Street in the amount of \$200,000 in 2022 (temporary) \$175,000 between 2026 and 2030 (permanent).

413: NO TOLL 412-418: **Tolls Still there**

Stop Signs Coming for Two Intersections

From Town of Whitby Staff Re- identified in Ontario Traffic Manport 36-21:

"Residents have requested allway stop control at the intersections of Cachet Boulevard and Kinross Avenue/Helston Crescent, and Vipond Road and Kimberly Drive. The cost of the installation of signage and pavement markings for the two intersections is approximately \$8,200."

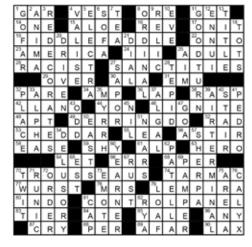
"Homeowners in the vicinity of the intersections have requested that the current two-way stop controls be modified to all-way stop control to improve visibility when vehicles are parked, as well as to reduce vehicle travel speed. Engineering Services staff met with the homeowners and are supportive of implementing their request.

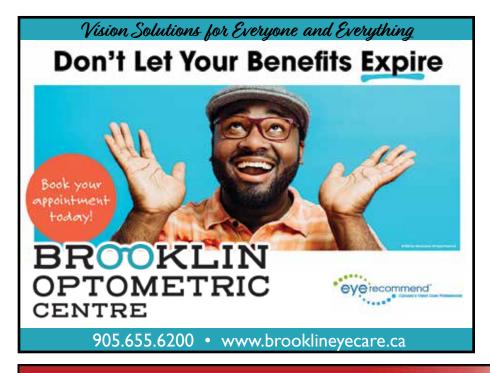
"To introduce an all-way stop control at these intersections, additional stop signs and pavement markings are required (i.e. additional stop signs, all-way signage tabs, stop bars, crosswalks, etc).

"The change in traffic control would be communicated through advance warning signage as

ual Book 6, Warning Signs. A Stop Ahead sign and New Burst sign will be placed in advance of these intersections to notify drivers that they are approaching a new stop controlled intersection. The temporary advance warning signage will remain in place for a period of 30 days, or until drivers become familiar with the installation of new traffic control device.

"The intersection of Cachet Boulevard and Kinross Avenue/ Helston Crescent will include crosswalk pavement markings on all approaches. The intersection of Vipond Road and Kimberly Drive will have a crosswalk added to the west leg of the intersection as there is accessible connectivity."









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