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## Less than Half the Picture *By Richard Bercuson*

### Speed up!



With 12 hours of free time and a fluffy pillow, you can enjoy Whitby's 2014 "Downtown Brooklin Transportation Study."

The report detailed traffic movement and such, then made recommendations. It's an impressive work. Mind you, the word "issue" appears 60 times in 83 pages, so I'm guessing we have some. Unfortunately though, it excluded Brooklin's lower east side, below Winchester and east of Baldwin, which means its forsaken residents have to collect empirical evidence. In traffic parlance, this means trying weird things till you die.

For instance, they've tested their mettle by dashing across streets as cars zip by. Occasionally they resort to hope, like hoping vehicles such as that Ford SUV (yes, ma'am, you!) will slow down near the Duggan playground because children lack mettle.

Consider, too, Iberville Road, named for the 17th century French Canadian trader and soldier nobody's heard of, Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville (which would never fit on a sign). The street is the quickest conduit from Anderson into a new development. In fact, the local constabulary lies in wait for those who deem the speed limit a suggestion, like stop signs in Montreal, coincidentally where le Monsieur combed his wigs.

Whitby's report didn't refer to this route nor to, say, St. Thomas Street which is longer and has the same

speed limit. All of which leads me to conclude speed limits are of little use. I can't explain how I reached this conclusion except to say it was very late at night, after an adult beverage, and while walking the dog who I'm sure first came up with it.

From a practical standpoint, if you drive a half kilometre at the posted 40, it will take about 45 seconds. That's a long and wasteful time. If you go 70, however, you can make the trip in just 26 seconds. Given the dearth of annoying stop signs and crosswalks in the lower east side, why should drivers be further hindered?

What to do with those saved 19 seconds behind the wheel? You could send a few texts or at the very least, a nicely posed selfie. You could even eat a hot dog. If you choke on a chunk, you're still close enough to get to the EMS folks at Anderson and Taunton before expiring.

Now you might ask, what about driving fast through residential areas where there are lots of - um - residents? Frankly, we put too much of a burden on drivers. Children, old folks, moms with strollers, and even the cute little bunnies should learn to judge speeds and when to dart across streets. These are life - and, as I've illustrated, math - lessons. How better to prepare today's seven year old for a future in a big city like Markham where no one cares?

Let's go a step further. Post signs around the neighbourhood. They'd say, "Please speed up! We want the challenge."



## Love Your Garden?

Would you considering sharing your labour of love with the community? Whitby in Bloom is looking for some beautiful Brooklin gardens for the July 15th, 2017 garden tour.

Please send photos of your front

and back yard to Jane Austin at janeaustin000@msn.com or call Jane at 905-668-1054.

This year was a huge success and the committee is looking forward to continuing the fun in 2017!

## Golf Tourney Seeks Sponsors

On the eve of the Eighth Annual Wolfpack Golf Tournament, organizers could use a few more sponsors and prizes.

The tournament, which will be at Columbus Golf Course on Saturday, Sept. 10., aims to raise more

than the \$30,000 it collected last year in support of Lakeridge Health and the Oshawa Community Cancer Centre.

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A view looking north of the Chelmsford/Durham/Winchester intersection.

## Changes Coming to Winchester/Chelmsford Intersection

The Regional Municipality of Durham, Works Department advises residents of changes to the intersection of Winchester Road (Regional Road 3) and Chelmsford Drive/Durham Street in Brooklin.

Lane restrictions will take place from Sept. 19 to Oct. 3 to construct new raised islands, patch asphalt and revise line markings.

Once work is complete, drivers travelling north on Chelmsford Drive will no longer be able to drive straight through the Winchester Road intersection, nor turn left on Winchester Road;

drivers will only be able to turn right onto Winchester Road from Chelmsford Drive. Northbound traffic on Chelmsford Drive wishing to access westbound Winchester Road can use Roybrook Avenue and Baldwin Street as an alternate route.

The change is a result of a safety analysis which identified the need to reduce collisions and improve overall safety at this intersection.

To learn more about traffic engineering and operations in Durham Region, visit [www.durham.ca/traffic](http://www.durham.ca/traffic).

## New Rules Govern Pedestrian Crossovers and School Crossings

Durham’s Traffic Operations Division is reminding drivers that they must stop and yield the whole roadway at pedestrian crossovers and crosswalks with a crossing guard present.

This new law, part of the Ministry of Transportation’s Making Ontario’s Roads Safer Act, was implemented on Jan. 1, 2016.

“It is up to everyone—drivers, pedestrians and cyclists—to stay safe on the road. We’re reminding residents of this new law to ensure Durham’s roads are safe for school children, school crossing guards and all pedestrians,” says Susan Siopis, Director of Transportation Services. “Under this new law, drivers and cyclists must stay stopped until pedestrians and school crossing guards have completely crossed the road and are safely on the sidewalk.”

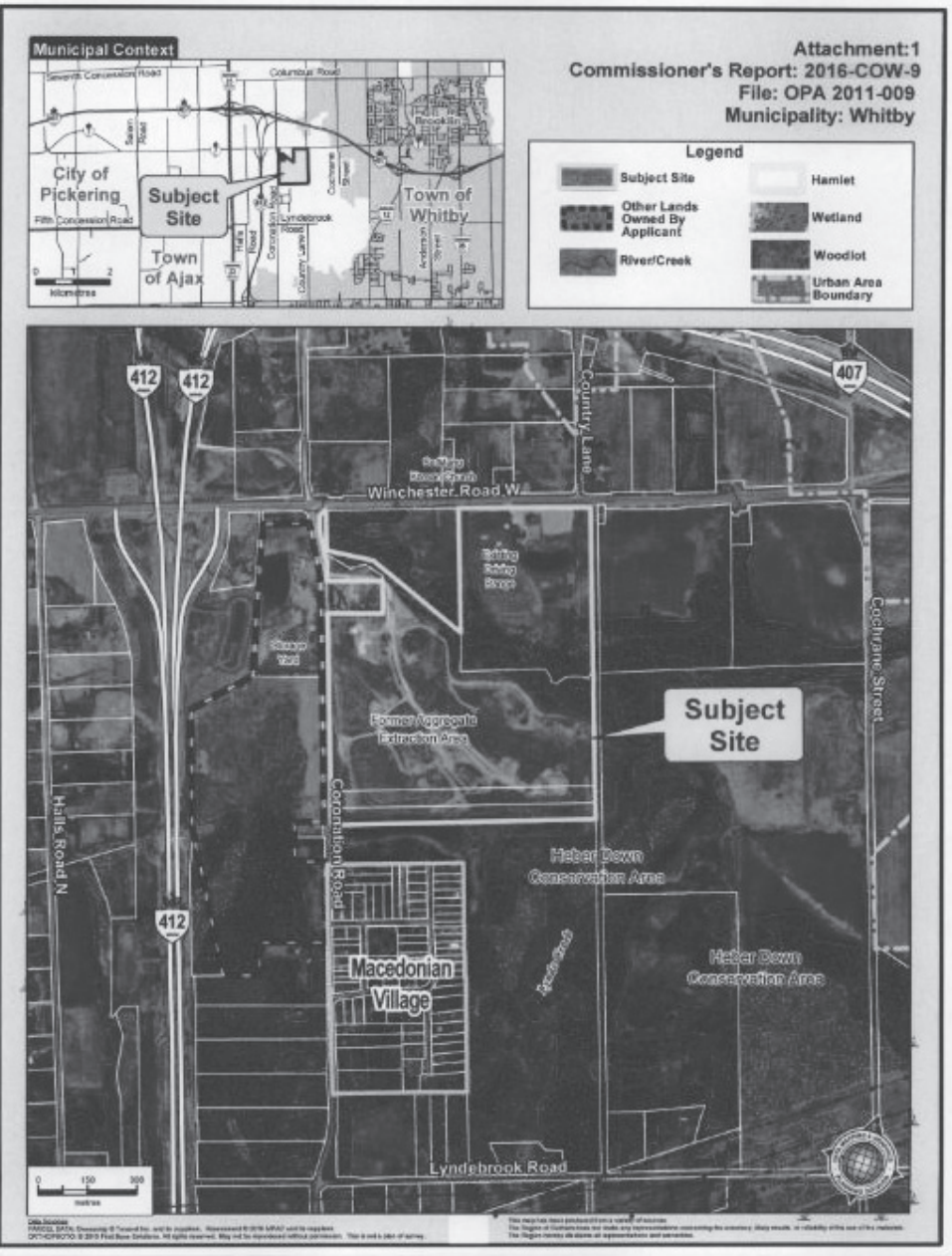
To understand when this new law ap-

plies, consider the following parameters:

- The law applies to crossovers, not crosswalks (unless a school crossing guard is present).
- Pedestrian crossovers are identified by lights, specific signs (that are yellow with an X on them) and pavement markings.
- Crosswalks are found at intersections with traffic lights or stop signs. The rule only applies to crosswalks if a school crossing guard is present, displaying a school crossing stop sign.

Drivers could be fined \$150 to \$500 and three demerit points for offences at pedestrian crossovers or any intersection with a school crossing guard present.

Learn more about the Making Ontario’s Roads Safer Act by visiting [www.ontario.ca/transportation](http://www.ontario.ca/transportation). The Region of Durham also offers many traffic safety tips on its website at [www.durham.ca/traffic](http://www.durham.ca/traffic).



## Durham Considering Golf Course Proposal

Durham Region is considering a proposal for an 18-hole golf course as part of an amendment to the Regional Official Plan.

The proposal as Amendment 165 was submitted by G & L Group Ltd (693316 Ontario Ltd). The Region heard the proposal on Wednesday,

Sept. 7, too late for the publication of this issue.

Please check our Twitter feed or Facebook link on [brooklincrier.com](http://brooklincrier.com) for an update of the result. The image on this page shows where the golf course would be located.



# Looking For Citizen Scientists To Help Baby Turtles

Central Lake Ontario Conservation (CLOCA) is looking for dedicated citizen scientists of all ages to help monitor turtle hatchings, remove turtle nest protection structures and report on findings in their communities.

In May through July of this year, Central Lake Ontario Conservation actively placed more than 20 turtle nest protection structures across their jurisdiction. These structures

were intended to protect the nests established by female turtles, with as many as 40 eggs in each, ready to hatch in September.

"We have nesting structures in Whitby, Oshawa and Clarington, so you do not have to stray far from home to help local turtles," says Patricia Lowe, Director of Community Engagement with CLOCA. "Once turtles have hatched, they will dig their way out to the wild and start their adventure. We encourage all residents to keep an eye for the baby turtles and help them by reporting activity, carefully transporting baby turtles to their home wetland and removing the nest protection structures."


The nest protection structures were assembled by high school students with funding from Ducks Unlimited Canada as part of the Wetland Centre for Excellence Mentorship Program. Grade 6 students of Ms. Lucyk's and Ms. Parker's classes at Lakewoods Public School played an important role in this program, placing two decorated protection structures on turtle nests at Pump-house Marsh in Oshawa.

Turtles face a number of challenges throughout their lifecycle, the least of which is their ability to reproduce. Females do not start to lay eggs until 17 to 19 years of age depending on the species. A female turtle would have to lay 1,400 eggs in her lifetime in order for one of her offspring to replace her. If she lays 34 eggs per year, she would have to survive 58 to 60 years to replace herself in the population with another female turtle. By comparison, a female white-tailed deer can mature at 2 years of age and can replace herself in only 4 years. If that was not challenging enough, the female turtle leaves her scent on the nests, making them vulnerable to predation. The eggs in a newly laid nest and the baby turtles when they hatch, make a delicious snack for raccoons, skunks and gulls. Add to the mix, fragmented habitat, roads and consumption of turtle eggs and turtles by some individuals, it is no wonder Ontario's seven out of the eight turtle species are considered Species At Risk (SAR).

For more information and to report baby turtle activity please contact Patricia Lowe, Community Engagement Director at Central Lake Ontario Conservation (905) 579-0411, ext. 126, Email: [plowe@cloca.com](mailto:plowe@cloca.com)

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**Wednesday, September 14** Bill McNamara, a modern day hunter of almost extinct plants, has traveled extensively to see plants in their natural habitats. Each fall for over 25 years he has trekked into the mountains of China, India,

Japan and Nepal to collect specimens for research and conservation.

Bill is the Executive Director of the Quarry Hill Botanical Gardens, a private research garden in California. At Quarry Hill, Bill has created an Asian forest to preserve these plants and distribute seeds, plants and herbarium to other facilities around the world.

Bill will be sharing some of his adventures and discoveries with us in his talk "Plant Hunting in China."

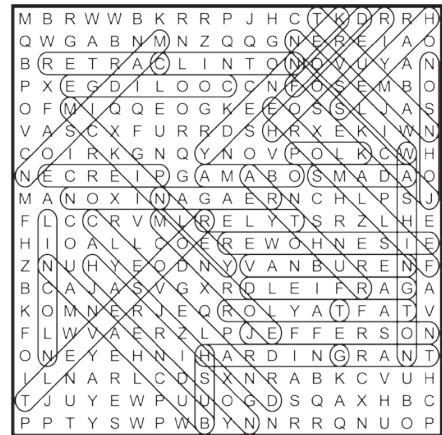
The event starts at 7:30 pm at the Brooklin United Church, 19 Cassels Rd. E.

**Basic Foot Care** Community Care Durham provides basic foot care services by registered foot care nurses on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at St. Thomas' Anglican Church. Please call 905-668-6223 for more information.

**Thursday evenings** Love to sing! The Brooklin United Church adult choir welcomes new voices to join us. Practices are Thursday evenings 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. You do not need to read music to be part of the choir. Practice CD's are made available. For more information, please call the church office at 905-655-4141 or by email at [office@brooklinunited.ca](mailto:office@brooklinunited.ca).

**Tuesdays** Brooklin Toastmasters, 7:15 p.m. for Meet & Greet, Meeting from 7:20 to 9:14 p.m. at the Brooklin Community Centre & Library (NEW LOCATION), 8 Vipond Road, 2nd floor Boardroom (NW corner). For more information, contact John at 905-683-4439 or [jajhj@sympatico.ca](mailto:jajhj@sympatico.ca) or Loran Weston-Smyth at [lorn@loranwestonsmyth.com](mailto:lorn@loranwestonsmyth.com) or 416-910-4109. Brooklin Toastmasters provides a supportive and positive environment where members have the opportunity to develop their communication and leadership skills.

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# Audit Firm Makes Key Recommendations to Whitby

At a special council meeting of the Town of Whitby this past Tuesday, Sept. 6, the auditing firm KPMG filed its final report. The presentation, live streamed from the whitby.ca web site, was presented by Bruce Peever, KPMG's Management Consulting Senior Manager.

The report objectives were:

- Investigate and understand the Town's current services and service delivery models;
- Assess alternative service delivery methods, possible changes to the level of service, and organizational structure; and,
- Determine opportunities to be more efficient and effective in the sustainable delivery of municipal services

There were 18 "recommended opportunities" for the town to consider, divided into three categories:

**Top 6 Internal Opportunities:**

1. Implement lean process re-engineering
2. Develop strategic workforce plan
3. Conduct an organizational design review
4. Review and update Human Resource Policies
5. Develop IT strategy
6. Implement an ERP system and begin process with education session on leading practice considerations

**Top 6 External Opportunities**

7. Review future implications of solid waste collection
8. Update and create comprehensive zoning bylaw
9. Establish policy/MOU with alternate providers and strengthen partnerships
10. Implement 311 centralized customer service and begin process with education session on leading practice considerations
11. Develop corporate branding strategy
12. Review tiered response protocols for fire services

**Top 6 Internal/External Opportunities**

13. Develop a corporate strategic plan
14. Develop communications strategy addressing both internal and external parties
15. Streamline development application review and approval process
16. Establish and formalize service levels
17. Develop digital strategy to improve and expand online services
18. Move forward with a new or expanded Town Hall and begin process with education session on leading practice considerations in developing a long term accommodation strategy

KPMG further stated, "In today's municipal environment, elected officials are faced with the challenge of attempting to minimize taxation increases while ensuring sufficient funds are available to maintain and support existing operations as well as finance residents' demands for enhanced services. The identification of 18 top opportunities and over 75 other opportunities provides the Town of Whitby with the means to meet this challenge.

"These 18 top opportunities offer the Town the prospect of improving its productivity; they are not opportunities that will produce immediate cash savings. This is a reflection of Whitby's current lean and cost-competitive operations relative to its municipal comparators. Given the significant growth facing the Town in the short and medium term, the opportunities identified in this report should be seen as required investments to avoid greater costs and risk associated with an under resourced organization."

The work plan had five phases with the report being the fourth phase. Next is for KPMG to conduct focus groups with staff and the community.

## Kids! Want to be Chief for a Day?

The 14th Annual Police Chief for a Day essay contest is now open!

Students entering into Grade 5 this fall are invited to pick up their pencils and enter the contest now by submitting a 500-word essay entitled "What I would do if I were Chief for a Day."

In the fall, the top Grade 5 finalists from various school boards across Durham Region will be picked up at their schools by police cruisers and escorted to DRPS headquarters. They will then read their winning essays to a community panel of judges, including Chief Paul Martin, members of the Police Services Board and members of the Police Appreciation Dinner and Awards Night (PADAN) Committee.

The winner will serve as **Chief for a Day** on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, and will be a guest of honour

at the 14th PADAN on October 27, 2016, at Deer Creek in Ajax. The theme for this year's PADAN event is "Building Bridges."

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- Name of student submitting essay (Grade 5 in September 2016)
- Name and location of your school
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**Information for Drivers**

Hwy 12 traffic will detour north of Brooklin at Columbus Rd & south at Winchester Rd. Access routes throughout Brooklin are available for local traffic.

Advance information signs will be posted to advise motorists of the upcoming road closure and detour routes. Temporary traffic and detour signs will be installed on site to direct motorists during the road closure. During event, access for emergency vehicles will be maintained. Please refer to map for further details. For more information about this closure, please contact the Planning & Development Department at 905.430.4306.

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# Durham Film Festival to Feature Family Day

The 2016 Durham Region Film Festival (DRFF) will be Sept. 16 to 18. Tickets are on sale through the Regent Theatre Box Office at [tickets.regenttheatre.ca/2016DurhamFilmFestival](http://tickets.regenttheatre.ca/2016DurhamFilmFestival).

The three-day event will feature film screenings at four venues, including a family friendly day at the Docville Wild West movie set. Attendees will have an opportunity to see how a movie is made from script to screen and attend creative workshops.

The DRFF will take place at four locations in Durham: the Regent Theatre and Robert McLaughlin Gallery in Oshawa, the Docville movie set in Clarington, and the historic St. Francis Centre for Community, Arts and Culture in Ajax.

The festival aims to bring the magic of film to local residents and visitors with an exciting lineup of 53 films from 18 countries, as well as workshops and interactive activities.

For more information about the DRFF programming and to purchase festival tickets, please visit [www.investdurham.ca/filmfestival](http://www.investdurham.ca/filmfestival).

# Children's Groundwater Festival Supports Watershed Education



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On August 25th, Central Lake Ontario hosted a photo event with the Diamond Sponsors of the 19th Annual Durham Children's Groundwater Festival.

In the photo, The Diamond Sponsors are announcing a new interactive Festival student activity "The Scoop on Poop – Protect the Watershed."

The goal of the Festival is to motivate students to be good water stewards in their home, classroom and community. The Diamond Sponsors combined donation will support more than 4,500 grade 4 students at this year's event and will help to reduce the student admission fee from \$28/student actual cost to \$9.50, including busing.

Each day in Durham Region approximately 14,000 to 20,000 kg of dog poop per day is not picked up by pet owners, enough to fill 1 to 1.5 dump trucks. When it rains, all the nutrients and bacteria go into the watershed where we get our drinking water. If you stoop and scoop and dispose of it properly, then you contribute to a healthy watershed, today and tomorrow.

Anyone interested in supporting the Festival through a financial or in-kind donation is asked to contact Patricia Lowe, Festival Organizing Committee Chair, at the Central Lake Ontario Conservation office (905) 579-0411 ext. 126. Information on the Festival may also be found online at [www.groundwaterfestival.ca](http://www.groundwaterfestival.ca).

The Durham Children's Groundwater Festival is a giant outdoor science centre consisting of 37 interactive learning stations, all focused on water. The Festival will be held from September 26th to 30th at Camp Samac in Oshawa. At the conclusion of this year's event, more than 73,000 grade 4 students will have participated in this unique environmental program.

# Creative? Register for Durham Tourism's Culture Days

Durham Tourism is inviting area municipalities, event producers, and arts and heritage organizations to celebrate arts and culture in Durham Region during Culture Days, which runs from Sept. 30 to Oct. 2.

Now in its seventh year, Culture Days invites the public to explore, participate and share in vibrant arts and culture events in every community across the country. In 2015, Culture Days took place coast to coast in more than 900 Canadian communities, with total attendance topping two million. An astounding 7,500 free activities were presented across the country, proving Culture Days as a creative showcase now firmly entrenched in the national cultural calendar.

"We are encouraging all local artists and venues to participate in this three-day event to celebrate Durham Region's culture, creativity and rich heritage," said Kathy Weiss, Director of Economic Development and Tourism. "Last year, more than 50 activities took place here in Durham Region as part of Culture Days. This year, we hope even more members of our creative community join the celebration."

Culture Days events are free, hands-on, interactive activities that invite the public to participate "behind the scenes" and discover the world of artists, creators, historians, architects, curators and designers at work in their communities. Last year, events in Durham Region included studio tours and open houses, art exhibitions, heritage tours, concerts, performances, dance workshops, craft sessions, storytelling, martial arts and more.

Durham Tourism is requesting that all interested participants register their Culture Days events online as soon as possible, via the Durham Tourism and Culture Days websites. By registering an event on [www.durhamtourism.ca](http://www.durhamtourism.ca) and [www.culturedays.ca](http://www.culturedays.ca), organizers will be part of both local and national marketing campaigns where events will be promoted in the media.

For more information, contact Durham Tourism toll-free at 1-800-413-0017 or [tourism@durham.ca](mailto:tourism@durham.ca).

# Smile Cookies Benefit Community Care Durham

Durham Region Tim Hortons have selected Community Care Durham (CCD) as the charity of choice for their Smile Cookie Campaign.

During the week of September 12 to 18, the full \$1 from every Smile Cookie purchased is donated to CCD. Last year, participating Durham Region Tim Hortons raised \$145,000 and this year, with your help, they hope to raise even more. The Smile Cookie Campaign began in 1996 as a way to help raise funds for the Hamilton Children's Hospital and has grown to become a major fundraising event at Tim Hortons restaurants. Nationally, Tim Hortons restaurant owners support more than 460 local charities, hospitals and community programs through the campaign. Last year, the Smile Cookie Campaign raised \$6.3 million across Canada.

Community Care Durham is a multi-service registered charitable organization providing home support, respite and mental health services to more than 12,000 Durham Region adults and their caregivers who have needs related to aging, physical and/or mental health. Our services are provided free of charge or for a minimal fee. The funds raised through the sale of Smile Cookies will be put to great use in continuing to support our clients with services that enrich their independence, health and quality of life.

head out to a participating Durham Region Tim Hortons and make your inner Cookie Monster smile. Every Smile Cookie you buy helps Community Care Durham provide services to people in your neighbourhood, maybe even someone you know.

For more information, please contact: Bette Hodgins - 905-985-6640  
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During Smile Cookie week, please



# Traffic Blitz Coincides with Back to School

DRPS officers have been targeting school zones to remind drivers to slow down and pay attention to the roads as students head back to school.

The DRPS Traffic Services Branch, in conjunction with officers from all Divisions, initiated a zero-tolerance traffic enforcement campaign targeting school and community zones from Tuesday, September 6 to Friday, September 9, 2016.

Last year's campaign resulted in more than 1,000 Provincial Offence Notices issued to drivers for various infractions, including more than 500 tickets for speeding, with one speeder also being found to be impaired while driving near a school

zone in Port Perry. There were 25 notices issued for distracted driving offences.

Drivers are reminded to slow down and put down their electronic devices while driving at all times. Please be aware of increased pedestrian activity around schools with classes back in session.

S/Sgt. Glen Courneyea of the Traffic Services Branch would like to remind drivers that fines double when caught speeding in Community Safety Zones. "A \$95 fine for driving 20 km/hr over the limit on a regular road costs a driver \$180 when in a Community Safety Zone. Please reduce your speeds and be extra cautious near schools."

# RE/MAX Jazz Joins Mission to End Hunger

Re/Max Jazz Inc., Brokerage has joined the mission to end hunger as a Platinum Level Sponsor for the upcoming 7th Annual Outdoor Movie Night for Hunger, Sept 9th starting at 6:30 pm. The event will take place at Blessed Pope John Paul II Catholic School, 160 Cachet Blvd., in Brooklin.

Founder and host Cheryl Gordon says, "Every year the event grows larger and the costs of running the event grow along with its popularity. Thanks to the kindness and support of RE/MAX Jazz we are able to host this wonderful event again this year! A big thank you going out to owners

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For more information about Cheryl Gordon's 7th Annual Outdoor Movie Night for Hunger, visit [www.OutdoorMovieNightForHunger.ca](http://www.OutdoorMovieNightForHunger.ca) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CherylGordonsOutdoorMovieNightForHunger](http://www.facebook.com/CherylGordonsOutdoorMovieNightForHunger)

## From the Archives

# John Whiteford Boot and Shoe Store, c.1910



25-000-150 Whitby Archives Photograph

A black and white photograph of John Whiteford's Boot and Shoe Store located at 48 Baldwin Street. John Whiteford and his wife Miriam are standing on the porch at the front door and their son Ernest Whiteford and daughter Lottie (Rahme) are standing to the right in front of the porch. The Whiteford store and dwelling were demolished in 1967.

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## Our Brooklin Kids By Leanne Brown

# When Your Child Needs Surgery



My daughter is having an operation. She is a brave girl but I can tell she's a bit worried. I can't blame her. On TV, hospitals are scary places where graphic trauma events take place with patients in life or death situations. Those ER dramas can be unsettling, even for adults. However, unlike trauma events, elective surgery is something for which you can prepare.

It's normal for children to feel anxious. They require more emotional preparation for surgery than most adults and are much more easily confused by the event. But a child who has been given age-appropriate information and a realistic expectation of what will happen feels empowered and less stressed.

## Learn what you can

Fear and anxiety come from the unknown. So one of the first things my daughter and I discussed was that we would be able to go to a pre-operative visit where she could ask questions. Being at this appoint-

ment with those who are taking care of your child will allow us to learn more about the surgery, her condition, and the hospital itself.

## What's going to happen

Tell kids what they need to know and answer their questions honestly. Ask your child what they already know. This way you will be able to clear up any wrong information they may have.

Children may fear anesthesia, pain and even death. Explain to your child she will not feel, hear, or see anything during the operation because of a special "sleep medicine" called anaesthetic. She will not wake up during the operation, but will when it's over. Use non-scary words. Don't say, "You'll be given gas" or "You'll be put to sleep." Kids may confuse "gas" with the fuel and "put to sleep" with what happens to pets.

## Use hospital resources

My family took the tour offered by the hospital for children about to undergo surgery. The interactive experience was hosted by our Child

Life Specialist who showed us the pre-op procedures like taking blood pressure and choosing special pajamas. My daughter tried out the heart monitor, the "sleep" mask and learned all about the IV (intravenous) they would use for her operation, making the hospital feel familiar, friendly and predictable.

## Remain calm and brave

If you exhibit anxiety, your child will model the behaviour and this can have an impact on how your child copes with being in the hospital as well as the recovery. It's important address your own fears first. This is not always easy. Talk with someone you trust before talking with your child so that you can be the pillar of support that they need.

## At the hospital

Remind your child how proud you are of them for being brave even if they're crying. Let your child know when you will be able to stay with her and where you will be when you can't. Usually you can be with your child for the onset of anesthesia and will be able to be there after they awaken.

## Final preparations

My daughter has packed her hospital bag with her favourite comfort

items and we've picked up a jumbo box of popsicles for after the surgery. While she is still scared, she has come to understand that this procedure is simply the way to "fix" the problem and to keep her healthy.

She's also reminding us that people get presents when they're in the hospital.

I see a new Beanie Boo in her future...



## A Brooklin Toddler's Random Thoughts

"I don't want to go night night today."



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