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Local dancer trying to rise to the stars



Brooklin's Keira Doran will compete in mid August in the CNE's Rising Star competition. See our story on page 5.

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Slightly More than Half the Picture: *By Richard Bercuson*



Oh, How The Tolls Toll

On Friday, March 24, I drove the 407 for 37.2 km from Baldwin to the Don Valley exit and I can't recall why. No, this is not about my mind going to mush, an altogether different problem. Nor is it about my failure to input all appointments into my calendar, which is annoying enough.

What's significant about the trip is only partly the \$10.45 total charge (where was I going at 10:30 am?) which amounts to 28 cents/km. The portion of the 407 owned by the province, to Brock Rd before a new cha-ching kicks in, cost me \$3.06 or 23 cents/km. From Brock to the 404, the charge came to nearly 31 cents/km. Pricey, no?

This trip, however, was a testament to my will power. I'm weak about a great many things: good coffee, imported beer, potato chips, nanaimo bars... You know. The usual. I hadn't been on the 407 nor the 412 since the toll fees kicked in on Feb. 1 for the simple reason I was boycotting it; I did not want to pay. Granted,

as a retiree not needing to get to work in the morning, my situation is quite different from those who have to suffer the exorbitant charges to avoid the 401 monstrosity.

Toll Connector

I rather enjoyed the free period to Feb. 1, especially the stretch along the 412, the only connector road in the GTA where users pay. It wouldn't have bothered me to drop some coin on the 407 part if it meant the 412 was free, or, if not free, then considerably cheaper.

In January, we ran a story about local resident Adrian Piccolo who'd gathered nearly 6,000 signatures on an online petition to make the 412 portion free. He sent it to Minister of Transportation Steven Del Duca. Whitby's mayor and council had written to Del Duca in December pleading the same case, expressing the (till then) unfounded expectation that a 412 toll road would force people onto regional or town roads, causing immense traffic problems. If you've been on any

major Brooklin route during rush hour since Feb. 1, you can vouch for council's statement being both prescient and understated.

Neither the petition nor council's plea went anywhere, which shouldn't be a surprise. The double whammy of 412 tolls and one of the most expensive toll charges on the continent bites Durham region drivers who have no choices. It's common now to hear of residents who see \$200-300 per month for tolls as being a fixed expense, like electrical bills. Personally, I shudder every time I take that road, often due to poor travel planning. If I'd left 15 minutes earlier...

Three issues

There are really three issues at play here. First is the cost of tolls from Brock Rd. in Pickering to points west. Because the highway there is not owned by the province, we're at the whim of the conglomerate which does own it. Second is the piece east of Brock, owned by the province, with toll charges that remain prohibitive. Third is the 412 toll.

I do wonder if we'd all feel better if other GTA north south connectors had tolls. Regardless, for points two and three, consider there is in power right now a majority Liberal government. Governments - and their elected officials - do not remain in power indefinitely and this one is teetering a bit as we slither to a June 7, 2018, election, just 10 months from the upcoming civic holiday.



Remember when it was free?
Jacob Docherty was on the Highway 12 overpass on Family Day in June of 2016.

We here in Brooklin, and Whitby, have zero control over which party will win, let alone if with a majority or not. However, we do have a rather strong say in who we send to Queen's Park and what this person will do for us. Right now, it's Conservative MPP Lorne Coe who won a 2016 by election to get there.

So, while I still can't recall why I broke my 407 boycott that March morning, I've learned to plan westward drives or ones to the 401 much more carefully. The province is not getting my snack money without a fight.

See page 3 about 407/412 usage since Feb. 1, 2017



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Culture in the Square

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Council Meetings

Special Council Meeting
August 21 at 4 p.m. at Town Hall.

For a full listing of Town meetings, visit whitby.ca/civicweb

For more information, contact the Clerks Department at clerks@whitby.ca or 905.430.4315

News

Nomination Deadline Fast Approaching for 2017 Mayor's Senior Volunteer Award

Know an outstanding community volunteer who is a resident of Whitby and 55 years of age or older? Nominate them today for the 2017 Mayor's Senior Volunteer Award. Nomination forms are available at the Whitby Seniors' Activity Centre or Brooklin Community Centre and Library. Nominations are due August 14 and the award will be presented in September.
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Notices

Beware of Water Testing/Treatment Scams

The Town of Whitby is reminding residents that the Town does not test water compression or gas in homes. Both the Town and Region of Durham have received reports from concerned residents of calls they have received from individuals seeking access to their homes to test water and gas. These calls are not from the Town or Region. For tips on how to protect yourself from these types of scams visit durham.ca

Volunteer Opportunities

The Town is seeking volunteers for various Boards and Committees. To view the current list of vacancies and, get a copy of the application form, visit whitby.ca/advisorycommittees

Holiday Waste Collection

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How Many Have Been Using the 407/412 Highways?

Editor's Note: The following was provided by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation. It displays statistics about the provincially owned section of Highway 407, from Brock Rd. east to Harmony Rd as well as Highway 412.

Since tolling infrastructure was not operational prior to the commencement of tolling on February 1st, 2017, traffic data of the type requested is not available in the free period.

Traffic data recorded since Febru-

ary 1st reveals the three hour period of highest usage on weekday mornings falls between 6 am to 9 am, and on weekday evenings between 3pm to 6pm, with the three hour period of lowest usage between 1 am to 4 am. Weekend days experience a single peak period of usage, with the three hour period of highest usage falling between 2 pm and 5 pm and lowest usage between 2am and 5am.

Monthly usage, defined as the number of highway trips per month, is as follows:

	Average Workday		Average Daily (includes weekday and weekend days)	
January	NA		NA	
February	31,400		26,800	
March	30,900	(-1.6% change from previous month)	27,200	(1.5% change from previous month)
April	34,200	(10.7% change from previous month)	29,000	(6.6% change from previous month)
May	36,500	(6.7% change from previous month)	32,200	(11.0% change from previous month)
June	41,800	(14.5% change from previous month)	37,500	(16.5% change from previous month)

These figures have been rounded to the nearest hundred.

The data presented here corresponds with 407 ETR's usage format, to allow for ease of comparison (see Question 4).

For comparisons between the provincial-owned portions and those not owned by the province, you may wish to review data available on 407 ETR's website, at <https://www.407etr.com/en/highway/corporate/usage-statistics.html>

Feds and Province to give Whitby Improved Infrastructure

The governments of Canada and Ontario are committed to investing in local infrastructure that ensures Canadians and their families have access to modern, reliable water and wastewater services that meet their needs. These investments safeguard the health and well-being of residents, protect waterways and preserve local ecosystems while laying the foundation for new economic opportunities to strengthen the middle class across the province.

Celina Caesar-Chavannes, Member of Parliament, and Derrick Gleed, Deputy Mayor announced last week that eight new projects in Whitby have been approved under the Government of Canada's Clean Water and Waste Water Fund.

The federal government is providing up to 50 per cent of funding for this project: \$708,450. The provincial government is providing \$354,200 and the Town of Whitby will provide the balance of funding. Thanks to this investment, residents of Whitby will benefit from a new and improved wastewater treatment facility, replacing the aging infrastructure currently servicing the community and introducing upgraded processes to ensure cleaner water flows into Whitby's stormwater ponds.

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Our Brooklin Kids By Leanne Brown



Helping Kids Discover History

My retired father has been researching our family tree. While googling and scrolling through ancestry websites, he's been able to uncover some really interesting things about our ancestors. As we expected to learn, we have a Celtic background of Irish, British and Scottish. But we had a few surprises. We also have in our family tree a connection to the Catawba tribe in South Carolina, descendants who fled the French Revolution and even Spanish royalty .

With all this new information, I realized there is an opportunity to share our history with my daughter. But she's from the digital generation and at her age, grainy, sepia photos of people she doesn't know don't capture her attention. So I decided that perhaps I needed to make history a little more interactive.

On highway 7 in Greenwood is the Picking Museum Village. It's a hidden treasure which brings history to life. Our visit started in the gift store to pay the modest entry fee of a reasonable \$13 for my daughter and

me. And yes, there is a Groupon coupon available to give you half price on season passes.

Getting a kit
The museum staff set my daughter up with a kit to enhance her adventure. There are several kits to choose from, each designed for a specific age group. Choose from I-spy, mystery, and other kits. We chose one and joined the guided tour. Suddenly, we were pioneers.

The real learning comes as the children compare and contrast how things used to be versus how things are today. At first she thought having to sleep in a bed with four other kids would be fun, a sleepover every night. That was until our guide showed her the size of the bed. She changed her mind.

Learning that her role as a young girl in the 1800s would have been to sit in a corner and churn butter all day or stuff hay into thick mattresses made my daughter shake her head. "I wouldn't get to go to school?" she asked.

No WiFi?
She learned that early settlers would often read books (usually the Bible) as evening entertainment. She couldn't imagine a world without WiFi.

Carrying the water buckets was a real eye-opener. She learned she would have to walk an hour each way to fetch the water. She could barely lift the buckets.

Later that night she asked to see the grainy pictures I'd shown her earlier. She now wants to know who she is. She asked about her grandparents. We googled the tribe with which we have roots. "Am I a real princess?" she wondered as we read about our speculative royal connection to a Contessa. She won't be leading any crusade to take the throne, but the story has her dreaming of her reign.

Looking to introduce a little history to your family? Start at home. Brooklin has a wonderful history you can explore just walking

through the village and reading the commemorative plaques on buildings. You can also visit the Whitby Public Library's archives for information on Whitby, Brooklin, Myrtle, and Ashburn.

Looking to research your own family tree? **Ancestry.com** and **family-tree.com** are two websites to help you get started.



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for one class (75 minutes) and rotate through eight interactive agriculture-themed stations, each showcasing science in agriculture and encouraging students to consider careers in agri-business.

Community Calendar

If you have a community not-for-profit event you would like included in the calendar, please email it to editorofBTC@gmail.com with the subject line "calendar." Priority will be given to Brooklin events. Some editing may occur.

Wed., Aug. 23: 7 pm - Brooklin Horticultural Society meeting
Colin Casin will speak on invasive species and the "Grow me instead" guide.
Also, members' Annuals Show.
Brooklin United Church, 19 Cassels Rd.

Sat., Sept. 9: 1 - 5 pm - G-Moms of Port Perry Present "Birder Murders"
Written by Steve Burrows, author of Birder Murder series
On Reach Road, Uxbridge - Exact location will be on purchased tickets
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Fri., Aug. 25: 4:00 - 5:00 pm (4th Friday of each month)
Teen Leadership Council at Brooklin Library

Whitby Library's Brooklin Branch seeks Teen Leadership Council members to share ideas & assist with special events and programs. Grade 9-12 students earn community service hours. Snacks provided. No registration required.
For information, email teenservices@whitbylibrary.ca.

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Local Dancer In CNE Rising Star Competition

When 12 year old Keira Doran takes to the stage on Aug. 18 at the CNE's Rising Star competition, it will be one more step towards her goal of becoming a professional dancer. The St. Leo's grade 7 student has dreamed of it since age 3 when she began dance lessons in Brooklin.

The CNE Rising Star, now in its 31st year, showcases young artists between ages 6 and 21 in a variety of disciplines, all vying against each other in a sort of open talent competition for anyone in Ontario. There are two age brackets: junior for ages 6-12 (where Keira will be) and youth for those 13-21. Contestants are judged on their natural ability, audience appeal, stage presence and the quality of their performance. The Grand Champion of the junior competition will receive \$1,000 with the youth competition winner receiving \$2,500.

From the outset, Keira seemed destined for a life in the music arts. Her mother Barb, father and older brother are all involved in music as singers or songwriters, or both. In fact Keira's older brother Matt, now 15, himself competed in the CNE competition in 2014.



Copied steps
"Even when she was tiny, age 3," Barb Doran recalls, "Keira was trying to copy the dance steps of whoever she saw, Rihanna, anyone. She's always had a natural stage presence and a great feel for music, probably because of the musicality of the family."

By the age of eight and taking lessons at Oshawa's Step With Style dance studio, Keira had already decided this was to be her future. To that end, she practices about 20-25 hours per week in variety of dance types, from ballet to lyrical dance, a form of storytelling but with less emphasis on positions. When she takes to the CNE stage for her performance, she'll dance a contemporary solo to music written by her mother.

"Yes, I'll get teary-eyed," Barb admits.

It's not the first time though that Keira is in the CNE show. Three years ago, she and two fellow dancers formed a trio and had been accepted into the competition. However, she broke her ankle the day before the event and was off the dance floor for four months.

Controlling nerves
For this event, Barb Doran says Keira has matured greatly from the days when her nerves would get the better of her. "Sure, she's excited and a bit nervous which used to be one of her big stumbling blocks," she says. "She'd be okay in a group but alone was a problem. Now though she's learned to cope with it and feeling better."

As to the future, Keira has that plan

laid out. She and her mother recently returned from a five day long dance convention in New York which featured some of the best choreographers and dance teachers in the world. On some days, Keira danced for eight hours. The exhausting hours and training though have not deterred her from a dream of joining a professional dance troupe some day and then perhaps becoming a choreographer or teacher herself.

"She'll come home after hours of dance, flop on the couch for a bit, then jump up and get going again," says Barb. "She can't sit still. She needs to be moving."

The Rising Star event is free with all shows starting at 6:30 p.m. at the International Stage in the Enercare Centre. The preliminaries run from Aug. 18-21 with the semi-finals Aug. 28-29 and the finals on Sept. 2

Town Getting Calls About Newest Scam

Please be advised that the Town of Whitby's switchboard has received 15 calls from residents complaining that someone pretending to be employed by the Town of Whitby has called to request access to their home to inspect water and gas pipe pressures. We have advised residents that these calls are not from the Town of Whitby and are a scam.

Corporate Communications has retweeted the Region's warning about similar scams involving requests to inspect pipes. The Region's release, published in the July 21 BTC, can be found here:

<http://www.durham.ca/news.asp?health=no&type=NR&nr=dnews/2017/Jul13171.htm>

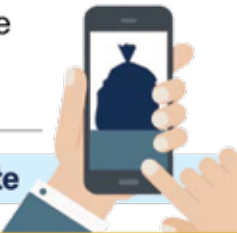
Civic Holiday Waste Collection Schedule

From **August 7 - 11** waste collection will be bumped one day forward. Please ensure your waste is set out by **7:00 a.m.**

Normal Collection Day	Area #	Revised Collection Day			
		Green Bin	Recycling	Garbage	Yard Waste
Mon. Aug. 7 (Civic Holiday)	1	Tues. Aug. 8	Tues. Aug. 8	Tues. Aug. 8	Tues. Aug. 8
Mon. Aug. 7 (Civic Holiday)	2	Tues. Aug. 8	Tues. Aug. 8	No Collection	No Collection
Tues. Aug. 8	3	Wed. Aug. 9	Wed. Aug. 9	Wed. Aug. 9	Wed. Aug. 9
Tues. Aug. 8	4	Wed. Aug. 9	Wed. Aug. 9	No Collection	No Collection
Wed. Aug. 9	5	Thurs. Aug. 10	Thurs. Aug. 10	Thurs. Aug. 10	Thurs. Aug. 10
Wed. Aug. 9	6	Thurs. Aug. 10	Thurs. Aug. 10	No Collection	No Collection
Thurs. Aug. 10	7	Fri. Aug. 11	Fri. Aug. 11	Fri. Aug. 11	Fri. Aug. 11
Thurs. Aug. 10	8	Fri. Aug. 11	Fri. Aug. 11	No Collection	No Collection
Fri. Aug. 11	9	Sat. Aug. 12	Sat. Aug. 12	Sat. Aug. 12	Sat. Aug. 12
Fri. Aug. 11	10	Sat. Aug. 12	Sat. Aug. 12	No Collection	No Collection

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Brooklin's Gilbey Aiming To Be Ambassador of the Fairs

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The 19 year old, who will attend Toronto's Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts in the fall, has been studying up on all things agriculture of late, a process she says has been exciting.

"I wasn't really aware of too much about agriculture till I became ambassador to the Brooklin Spring

Fair (in 2016)," she says. "The subject is new to me but I've found it so interesting. I saw how much work goes into our food process. I was a vegetarian for years but now after learning about it, I eat chicken. I suppose that's a first step."

As part of her research, she's spoken with past ambassadors and watched last year's competition. What judges look for, she says, is one's knowledge of agriculture and the poise contestants have to discuss the topic. While she claims to have a few nerves about it all, being in front of an audience isn't likely to faze her. She's performed in musical theatre productions and the Randolph program, 24 months of instruction, focuses on the "triple threat" of vocal, acting, and dance.

To be eligible to compete, individuals must be 18 years old and have first won the Ambassador competition at their local fair. On August 18 and 19, participants are interviewed by a panel of three judges and take



part in various CNE activities and workshops related to agriculture. The interview will include a discussion of the contestant's interests, work, and community involvement followed by several questions about current events, agricultural concerns, etc. Those selected to compete in the semi-finals will have to present a speech on agriculture on the morning of August 20, and the successful participants will move on to the finals in the afternoon, where they will have to answer an impromptu question.

The competition has seen more than 1300 contestants from over 100 communities throughout the province compete for the exclusive year-long title of Ambassador of the Fairs. It takes the winner across Ontario as a representative of the CNE and all agricultural fairs.



Slime and Candy Sold for Sick Kids!

Taylor Sauve (left) and Scarlett Broughton set up shop at Dugan Park recently to raise funds for Sick Kids Foundation. The two Winchester Public School grade 6 students weren't there to make down payments on iPads. No, they were raising money for Sick Kids Foundation. During their two-hour selling window, they brought in \$84. When family and friends heard of the venture, donations raised the take to \$200!

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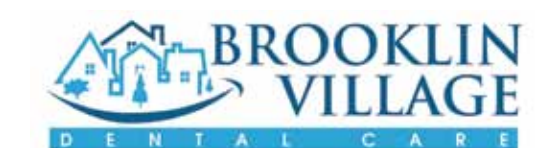
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Whitby Launches Online Recreation Registration System

Whitby residents can now go online and experience ACTIVE Net, the Town's new online recreation registration system that will make program sign-up faster and easier. It can be found at whitby.ca/getactive.

ACTIVE Net uses enhanced search capabilities to enable anyone with a smartphone, computer or tablet to quickly and easily find, register and pay for recreation programs. The new system also does away with the current individual PINs and barcodes, and instead offers a personalized login using your email address.

"Our goal is to make getting active in Whitby simple, easy and fun – and ACTIVE Net will help us achieve exactly that," said Sarah Klein, Manager of Recreation. "From music classes for babies, to karate for kids and cardio salsa lessons for seniors, the Town is proud to offer more than 2,200 programs to residents of all ages and stages of life. By registering for ACTIVE Net, residents will be able to easily navigate the wealth of programs we offer and take part in the ones that interest them most."

Specifically, ACTIVE Net will provide users the new ability to:

- Search for programs by keyword, age, location, day and time;

- Create and manage activity schedules for multiple family members on the dashboard in your personalized account; and,
- Create and save activity wish lists in advance of a registration date making day-of registration faster and easier.

Residents are encouraged to go online starting August 2 to activate their new account and browse the Town's new Fall 2017/Winter 2018 Activity Guide in advance of registration which begins on August 9 for non-aquatics programs and August 16 for aquatics programs (for residents).

The Town's current registration system, SmartLink, ceased activation as of July 31. All users were migrated over to ACTIVE Net and can retrieve their accounts by entering their email addresses on the new system's login page and clicking on the Forgot Your Password button. For more information, visit whitby.ca/getactive or call 905.655.2010.

Residents can still register for programs in-person, by drop off, fax or mail at any of the four registration centres located at the Brooklin Community Centre and Library, Iroquois Park and Sports Centre, Whitby Civic Recreation Complex or Whitby Seniors' Activity Centre.

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Toronto housing market downturn will be short-lived, CMHC says

The federal housing agency says the current downturn in Toronto's housing market is expected to be short-lived. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. (CMHC) says Toronto property prices, which have fallen over the last couple of months, should pick up again as demand bounces back.

The Ontario government introduced measures in the spring, including a 15 per cent tax on foreign buyers, to cool down a market that many regarded was overheating. CMHC says similar policy changes introduced in Vancouver last year reduced the number of foreign buyers in that city, but Greater Vancouver's housing market has since pushed back up.

In its latest housing market assessment released today, CMHC kept its overall risk rating for the national housing market at strong. The report, which is based on data from the first three months of this year, precedes the Ontario government housing rules introduced in the spring.

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