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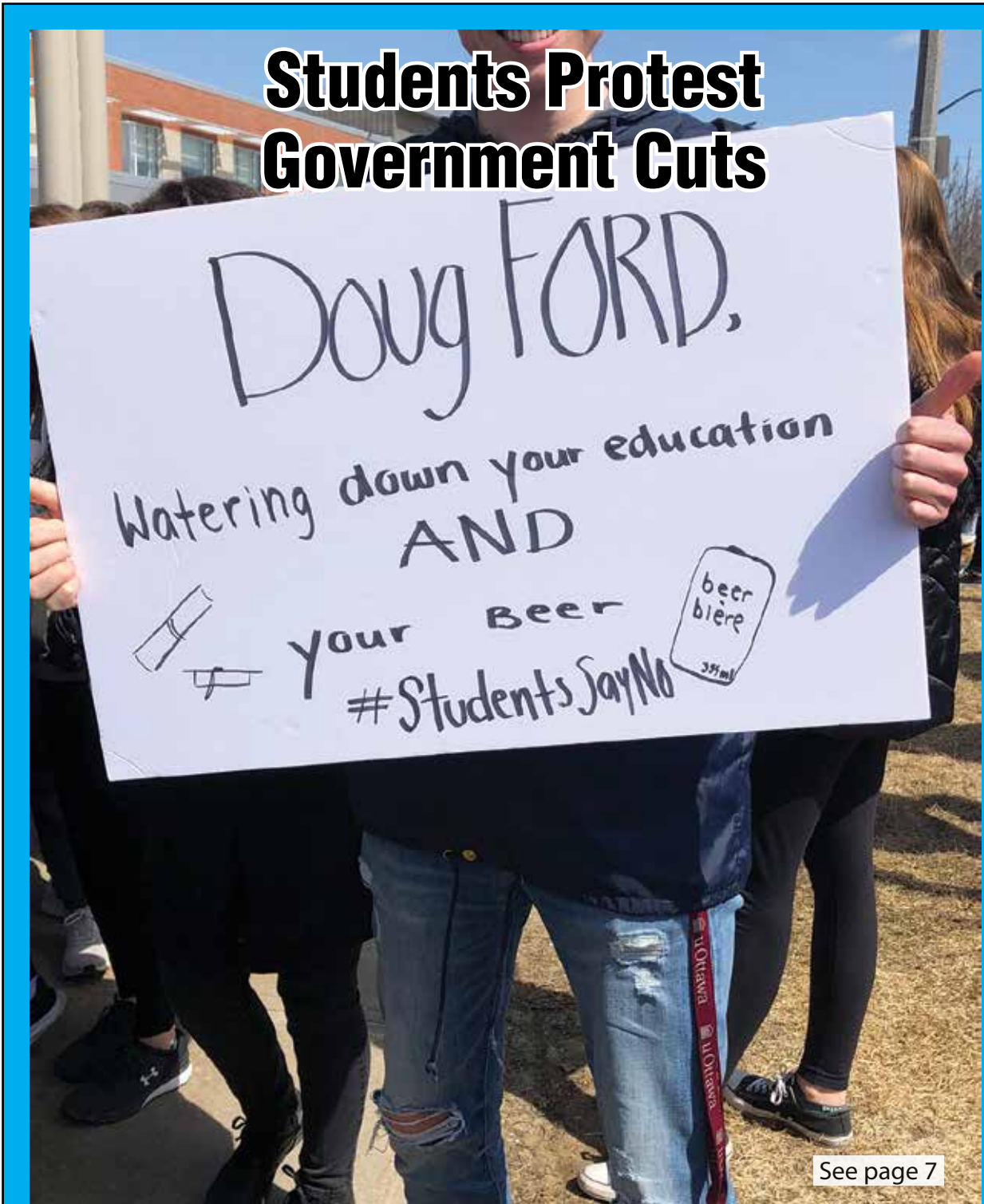
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# Brooklin Mom To Run Boston Marathon In Support of Down Syndrome

Amanda Sirois will run the 123rd Boston Marathon in support of Down syndrome and Special Olympics on Monday, April 15.

Inspired by her eight year old daughter Moira who has Down's, Amanda will run the marathon, one of the toughest races to qualify for. She qualified for it in November, 2017, during National Down Syndrome Awareness Week.

With a goal of raising \$3,210, donations will be shared among the Canadian Down Syndrome Soci-

ety, the Durham Down Syndrome Association and Special Olympics. Proceeds will go directly to providing services and support to community families with Down syndrome.

"Like many individuals with Down syndrome, Moira has to work harder to achieve skills and milestones that come naturally to most other typical kids," says Sirois. "I figure that if I can ask her to work as hard as she does to reach her goals, I should challenge myself to a similar standard. This is why I set my-

self a goal to qualify for and run the prestigious Boston Marathon. This is also why I want to celebrate my goal by giving back to causes that help kids like Moira achieve their own special goals."

Sirois will wear bib #13207 if you wish to follow her progress on race day. Supporters are asked to post words of encouragement while sharing photos of yourself wearing blue and yellow, or with painted blue and yellow nails, in support of Down syndrome awareness.

Town of Whitby

April 12, 2019

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Youth Rooms

Youth ages 12 to 18 years are invited to drop in to any Youth Room on Friday, April 12 at 4:30 p.m. to celebrate National Grilled Cheese Day or on Thursday, April 18 at 4:30 p.m. to decorate cookies.  
whitby.ca/youthrooms

#### How-To In 10 Minutes

Saturday, April 13, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Whitby Public Library - Central, drop in and learn new skills at the annual How-to in 10 Festival.  
whitbylibrary.ca

#### Free Public Skating

Saturday, April 13, from 2 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. at Iroquois Park Sports Centre, IKEA Arena 5. Sponsored by Okanagan.  
whitby.ca/calendar

#### Earth Day

Get involved in a community clean up! Various activities and initiatives will take place throughout the community from April 13 to April 27.  
whitby.ca/earthday

#### 2019 Road-Related Construction Projects Community Open House

Tuesday, April 16, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. drop in to the Regal Room at the Centennial Building (416 Centre Street South) to learn about the Town's 2019 road-related construction projects.  
whitby.ca/notices

whitby.ca/calendar

### Council Meetings

#### Council

April 15 at 7 p.m.

#### Public Meeting

April 29 at 7 p.m.

This dedicated public meeting is aimed at collecting resident feedback on development applications, initiatives and projects being considered or undertaken by the Town.

Meetings take place at Town Hall, 575 Rossland Road East. For more information, contact clerks@whitby.ca or 905.430.4315

whitby.ca/civicweb

### Notices

#### Second Instalment of 2019 Interim Tax Bill Due

Residential, Farmland, Pipeline and Managed Forest Properties. The second instalment of the 2019 Interim tax billing is due on Wednesday, April 24, 2019. For more information on how payment can be made, visit whitby.ca/tax

Questions? Contact the Tax Division at 905.430.4304 or tax@whitby.ca

#### Public Feedback Sought on Regional Government Review

The Ontario government is seeking input on how to improve governance, decision-making and service delivery for regional governments and municipalities. Between now and Tuesday, May 21, 2019, have your say by completing an online survey at [ontario.ca/page/consultation-regional-government-review](https://ontario.ca/page/consultation-regional-government-review)

Comments are also being accepted by email at [regionalgovreview@ontario.ca](mailto:regionalgovreview@ontario.ca) or by mail at Local Government Policy Branch, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, 777 Bay Street, 13th floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 2E5.

#### Call for Façade Grant Applicants

Business owners in Downtown Whitby and Downtown Brooklin are invited to apply to the Town's 2019 Façade Improvement Grant Program. The annual program provides business owners with matching grants of up to \$10,000. In 2018, more than \$70,000 was allotted 10 recipient businesses and properties in both downtowns.  
whitby.ca/cip

Downtown Whitby Spring Clean-Up | April 13  
Project Property Sweep Whitby | April 15 to 21  
Pitch-In Brooklin | April 27

[whitby.ca/earthday](https://whitby.ca/earthday)

2019 WHITBY IN BLOOM

## SPEAKER SERIES

APRIL 24 | MAY 22

7:30 p.m. Brooklin United Church,  
19 Cassels Road East

For information and to reserve your spot visit  
[whitby.ca/whitbyinbloom](https://whitby.ca/whitbyinbloom)

SATURDAY, MAY 4  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

[whitby.ca/doorsopen](https://whitby.ca/doorsopen)

## Viewers' Choice Contest

[whitby.ca/moviesinthepark](https://whitby.ca/moviesinthepark)

Contest Closes  
**April 18**

### Holiday Waste Collection Schedule

Waste collection will be bumped one day forward starting **Friday, April 19**. Please ensure your waste is set out by 7:00 a.m. Check out your Whitby Waste Collection Calendar, download the Whitby Waste Buddy app or go to [whitby.ca/waste](https://whitby.ca/waste) for more information. Questions? Call 905.668.3437 or email [pw.operations@whitby.ca](mailto:pw.operations@whitby.ca)

Indicates Holiday Collection Change

#### Blue Collection - Areas 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
	15	16	17	18	19	20
					Bump a Day!	
	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Bump a Day!					

#### Yellow Collection - Areas 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
	15	16	17	18	19	20
					Bump a Day!	
	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Bump a Day!					



# Another Successful Durham Farm Connections

More than 1,100 Grade 3 students from across Durham Region attended Durham Farm Connections, an educational program that meets Ontario curriculum requirements and allows students to be farmers for a day.

The three-day event, held April 2 to 4 at Luther Vipond Memorial Arena, included live animal displays and hands-on demonstrations by local farmers. This included dairy, beef, poultry, sheep, maple syrup, vegetables, apples and crop stations. A Durham Region farmer was at each station to speak with students and answer their questions.

“For 14 years, Durham Farm Connections has provided interactive opportunities for students and residents to learn about local agriculture in Durham Region,” said Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner of Economic Development and Planning. “Each year the program does an amazing job at showcasing the value of ag-



2018 Fair Ambassador Samantha Grandy w/Floss, 3 yr old jersey cow

riculture in our community and the local economy.”

An Open House on April 3 allowed the general public to learn about agriculture in Durham Region as well as get a first-hand look at local farming. With more than 975 individuals in attendance, the program was able to contribute 680 kilograms of food to the local food bank.

“The Durham Farm Connections volunteer committee delivers a quality, interactive program. We would like to thank all 120 volunteers for their effort and dedication to this program. We are also grateful for the support from our local school boards, sponsors and agricultural organizations,” said Nancy Rutherford, Manager of Economic Development, Agricultural and Rural Affairs.

The Durham Farm Connections program provides agricultural education opportunities for both farm and non-farm communities in Durham Region. It has been recognized with an Ontario Premier’s Award for Agri-food Innovation Excellence, as well as a Watershed Award from the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA). Durham Farm Connections is also the 2018 recipient of the Farm & Food Care Champion Award.

Durham Farm Connections also organizes an annual High School Program that aligns with the Grade 9, 11 and 12 science curriculums, and focuses on agricultural research and technology.



Tracy and Everett, age 2, with sheep



Saoirse, age 2, with Taffy the goat

# Coming Soon To A Nearby “Theatre” Earthkraft: A Comedy

By Richard Bercuson

Last fall, a troupe of professional dancers and singers planned a Christmas show at our Brooklin Community Centre. But they couldn’t fill one key role: Santa Claus. So the show was shelved till next year.

No such requirement is needed though for Michael Kashmanian’s comedy *Earthkraft* which will debut on Friday, May 3, at that same community centre, with six shows over a week.

Kashmanian is the driving force behind the Beech Street Theatre Company that plans to make Brooklin its home for the foreseeable future. Having done a host of shows and dinner theatre performances in Bowmanville, restaurants, museums and even Whitby’s Abilities Centre, this new group wants to bring its shows to the local stage.

**Investigated the centre**  
A Brooklin friend familiar with Kashmanian’s plays suggested he look into the old building on Cassels and Church Streets. He did and says he fell in love with the place right away. The show has been in rehearsal for some time and will move to the building on April 23 for its final preparations.

Beech Street Theatre has always gone where most other such groups dared not tread: staging shows written exclusively by Canadians and mostly by locals. To that end, Kashmanian says he invites submissions which are reviewed by a selection committee.

Kashmanian began in theatre in 2003 when he auditioned for a musical being performed in a local church, and not one he belonged to. He got the part which happened to be the one non-singing role in the show, that of Scrooge’s nephew Fred. He enjoyed the experience so much, he decided to couple it with his love of writing and create his



Michael Kashmanian

own shows. One, *Dial M for Musical*, sold out in ten days. He continued to perfect his playwright skills by taking courses and joining the Playwrights Guild of Canada. Churches that hosted his shows were given the proceeds as fundraisers.

**Dinner theatre**  
If you’ve ever been to the Tuesday evening dinner theatre show *Pigsville* at Whitby’s Nice Bistro on Brock and Dundas, that’s a satirical Kashmanian show. “You eat at 6:30,” he says, “the show’s at 7:30 and it’s done by 8:30. A perfect evening entertainment.”

That venue and most others he and his company have performed in are hardly typical theatre locales, something that appeals to him. “I love doing shows in places that aren’t theatres: art galleries, Pickering Village Museum village, restaurants. The creative use of space is fascinating to me as a director.”

His shows, like *Pigsville* and *Earthkraft*, are largely comedies which he admits are his bent. *Earthkraft*, for instance, deals with themes about poverty and the homeless acting the way they believe rich people act. Chock full of lusty, satirical statements about modern life, he says it’s a show that’s already had some success, having been staged a few years ago. A more detailed synopsis is available at **bstconstage.com**

Tickets will be available at the community centre door but seating is limited to about 60 per show. He urges theatre-goers to buy them online (@\$27 apiece) by going to the company web site: **bstconstage.com**.

**Earthkraft’s dates and times:**  
May 3 - 8 pm  
May 4 - 2 pm and 8 pm  
May 10 - 8 pm  
May 11 - 2 pm and 8 pm

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North Ward Councillor - *By Steve Lee*



## Major Projects Moving Forward

At Monday's Committee of the Whole council meeting, there were a few big ticket items of interest to Brooklin residents.

Firstly, there will be a new cooling system for Vipond Memorial Arena, which will help maintain the ice. The current system can no longer be repaired to do the job. Town staff have worked hard this past winter to ensure we made it to March. The approval of the new cooling system means Vipond Arena will remain functional.

As well, Councillor Mulcahy and I made our support for the new sport complex quite clear. We also stated that we want the new building to be energy efficient and that we need to examine technologies for energy and recovery. We feel we need to lead the way with a modern building that is as efficient as possible.

Secondly, there is the mid block arterial road, a massive project we've been pushing for. I want to see this started as soon as possible. It will be an east-west road that will help to open up land around it as well as alleviate some of the traffic we deal with in Brooklin. We've been searching for anything that can speed up the start of this project. Staff have retained the services of GHD Limited to be retained as the owner's engineer. The Town has also agreed to work as a co-proponent in the Mid Arterial Roadway EA to be completed by Fieldgate Developments. The Environmental Assessment is the next step in getting this roadway

under construction. This will be a great thing for Brooklin and Whitby and something I feel strongly about continuing to advocate for.

Thirdly, the Royal Canadian Legion and Cenotaph Re-location Project was discussed. The Legion has been working hard fundraising for this. I was proud to support it along with other members of council. We are looking into potential savings for the Legion and are hopeful to have it completed by this June with the Cenotaph relocated to the square in front of the Brooklin Community Centre and Library.

Finally, Councillor Mulcahy and I have frequently discussed having regular Town Hall community meetings with the first one happening on April 13. Aside from the two of us, Regional Councillor Elizabeth Roy, Durham District School Board Trustee Niki Lundquist, and representatives from DRPS Human Trafficking Division and Safe Hope Home will be in attendance. The aim is to share information and have a discussion about Human Trafficking in our community. At the end, there will be time to meet with us individually as well.

I hope you will take the time to come out and chat with us. The Town Hall information is as follows:  
**Saturday, April 13: 1-3 pm**  
**Brooklin Legion**  
**Branch 152** (Upstairs)  
And watch for our website launch coming soon at:  
**[www.whitbyfirst.ca](http://www.whitbyfirst.ca) #whitbyfirst**

## Whitby Hosting Pop-up Activations

The Town of Whitby will host a number of pop-up activations at various community facilities to invite residents to learn more about the Town's new Event Volunteer Program and sign up to volunteer.

The program, launched in the lead-up to National Volunteer Week (April 7 to 13), provides a framework for how the Town supports and celebrates its event volunteers.

Photo opportunities will include the pop-up activation, a volunteer sign-up station, educational resources about the program and branded giveaways.

**When and where:**

- Thursday, April 11, 2019 – drop in between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. or 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Whitby Civic Recreation

Complex (555 Rossland Road East, Whitby)

- Friday, April 12, 2019 – drop in between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. at the Whitby Public Library (405 Dundas Street West, Whitby)
- Saturday, April 13, 2019 – drop in between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Brooklin Community Centre and Library (8 Vipond Road, Whitby)
- Thursday, April 25, 2019 – drop in between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Iroquois Park Sports Centre (500 Victoria Street West, Whitby)

For more information about the program or how to sign up to become a volunteer, visit **[whitby.ca/volunteer](http://whitby.ca/volunteer)**.

## Give One-metre Clearance To Cyclists

The Region of Durham reminds drivers they are required to keep at least one-metre away from cyclists when driving. Additionally, drivers are not to pass a cyclist travelling in the same direction unless there is sufficient space to do so safely, while staying at least one-metre away from the cyclist.

"Motorists and cyclists have to work together to keep each other safe. They have the same rights and responsibilities and must follow the same rules of the road," says Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development. "By understanding and practising the three Rs of safe cycling-- same roads, same rights and same rules--cyclists can help ensure their own

safety and, at the same time, help motorists understand their intentions."

Drivers and cyclists need to remember to share the road with enough space to keep everyone safe. The Making Ontario's Roads Safer Act outlines requirements for cyclists to improve visibility and safety, such as turning on headlamps and taillights at least 30 minutes before sunset. There is a penalty of \$110 for not leaving a minimum of one-metre of open space between a vehicle and a cyclist.

For more information, visit **[durham.ca/CycleDurham](http://durham.ca/CycleDurham)** and check out the cycling safety video series on the Region's YouTube channel.

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# Community Calendar

## Sat., April 20: 10 am to 2 pm:

### Annual Easter Egg & Scavenger Hunt

Hosted by 2nd Brooklin Scouts  
At Brooklin Kinsman Park  
(behind Brooklin Community Centre),  
8 Vipond Rd. \$5 per participant  
Children 7 and younger  
will collect eggs found in the woods.  
Those 6 and older can hunt for clues in  
the field for the Scavenger Hunt  
(trivia questions, hidden creatures, solve  
puzzles) Loot bags for all paying partici-  
pants and prizes for top scavengers and  
most eggs collected. Crests for  
all Scouting/Guiding members.

## Wed., April 24: 7:30 pm:

### Whitby in Bloom Presents Tara Nolan on "Raised Bed Gardening"

At Brooklin United Church  
Learn how to create your own oasis and  
the benefits of raised bed gardens  
that allow you to garden almost anywhere.  
Space is limited. Register and reserve  
your spot early at  
[whitby.ca/whitbyinbloom](http://whitby.ca/whitbyinbloom).

## Fri., April 26: 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](mailto:teenservices@whitbylibrary.ca).

## Sat., April 27: 9 am-11 am:

### Pitch-In Brooklin

At all Brooklin parks  
Check it out on Facebook to win prizes  
For more info, email:  
[Michael\\_argue@hotmail.com](mailto:Michael_argue@hotmail.com)

## Sat., April 27: 7 pm: "The Joy of Music"

concert at Brooklin United Church  
A variety program featuring popular music  
and show tunes.  
Tickets are \$20. and available from the  
church office 905-655-4141

## Sun., April 28: 7:30-9 pm:

### Trivia Night At MichaelKelly's Eatery on Winchester and St. Thomas.

\$20 per person cash only. Teams of 4-6  
ONLY. Each team receives a large pizza  
and an order of garlic bread, with a beer  
per person. Winning team members each  
get a \$10 gift certificate to MK's.

### Register by emailing your name and number of team members to:

[editorofbtc@gmail.com](mailto:editorofbtc@gmail.com)

Capacity is 42 people, so registration  
is first come-first served.  
Hosted by the BTC  
with all proceeds to Prostate Cancer  
Canada Network (PCCN) Durham.

## Fri., May 3-Sat. May 11: Beech Street Theatre Company Presents: Earthkraft

A comedy by Michael Khashmanian  
At Brooklin Community Centre  
Six shows: 4 evening + 2 matinee  
performances. For dates and times,  
visit [bstconstage.com](http://bstconstage.com)  
\$27 per ticket online through web site  
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## Sat., May 4: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm:

### St. Thomas' Anglican Church Spring Market Bazaar

## Sat., May 4

### - Grand Opening of CB Pools/Spas 30 St. Thomas St. <https://cbpools.ca/>

## Sun., May 5 - 6th

### Annual Autism Awareness Run/Walk (5k Run or 1K walk)

### 8 am registration - 9 am opening

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summer employment program for teens  
and young adults with Autism.  
A Family Friendly event centered around  
supporting the autism community.  
Face painting, live music, refreshments,

live mascots, prizes and more! We will  
also be protesting the new OAP plan and  
will have local MPPs and petitions on site.

Contact details:  
**Kara Onofrio: 416-333-3858**  
[autismangels.com](http://autismangels.com)

## Wed., May 22: 7:30 pm

### Whitby in Bloom Presents:

### Carol Pasternak on

### "Drama in the Butterfly Garden"

At Brooklin United Church  
Learn how to focus on the life in your yard.  
Will feature a book signing of  
"How to Raise Monarch Butterflies,  
a Step-by-Step Guide for Kids."  
Space is limited.  
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[whitby.ca/whitbyinbloom](http://whitby.ca/whitbyinbloom).

## Sat., May 25: 9 am-1 pm:

### Brooklin Horticultural Society annual plant sale At Grass Park.

Also \$55 Rain Barrel Fundraiser. Barrels  
can be ordered at [www.RainBarrel.ca/](http://www.RainBarrel.ca/)  
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[www.brooklinhorticulturalsociety.com/](http://www.brooklinhorticulturalsociety.com/bhs-plant-sale.html)  
[bhs-plant-sale.html](http://bhs-plant-sale.html).

## Sun., May 26: 9 am - 12 pm:

### Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides

Hosted by Lions Foundation  
of Canada Dog Guides  
At Brooklin's Pet Value store  
Visit: [walkfordogguides.com/](http://walkfordogguides.com/locations/walk.cfm?ID=1981)  
[locations/walk.cfm?ID=1981](http://locations/walk.cfm?ID=1981)

## Thurs., June 13: 1:30 pm:

### 14th annual "Fore the Future"

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throughout Durham.  
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contact Sian Gibson, Executive Director  
[sian.gibson@durhamca.ca](mailto:sian.gibson@durhamca.ca)

## Sat., June 15: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.:

### Nova's Ark's 9th Annual Friendship Walk.

3 km walk from Grass Park  
led by Bing the camel  
Fundraiser to help maintain  
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Drop in at Central Library's Children's  
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## Tuesdays: 7:25 pm:

### Brooklin Toastmasters Club

Practice public speaking  
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Contact John Johnstone at  
[jajhj@sympatico.ca](mailto:jajhj@sympatico.ca) or  
phone 905-683-4439 or  
Patricia Romano at  
[promano257@outlook.com](mailto:promano257@outlook.com)  
or phone 905-626-7055.

## 1st & 3rd Tuesdays Community Care Durham (CCD)

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## Blooming in Brooklin By Ken Brown



# The garden is waking up

Spring arrived in my garden on March 26 when I was finally able to photograph the witch hazel in bloom. Now its lovely dark red blooms are starting to fade while the rest of the garden is waking up.

I'd like to rake the lawn but walking on it too soon can do more damage than good. When it's dry enough to walk on without leaving a footprint then it will get a good stiff raking to clean out as much of the dead thatch as possible. I might even rent a dethatching machine for the oldest portions. We remove it so that fertilizer and water can more easily reach the soil without having to fight through dead grass.

## Fast growing plants

When it's too unpleasant to work outside, I head to the basement to start the fast growing annual flowers such as zinnias and cosmos. It's almost too late to sow tomato seed. However, for fast growing vegetables, do it now. Cucumbers, zucchini, melons and other squash are in the vining squash family, another group of fast growing vegetables that can be sown by the end of the month to be ready for the end of May. They really only need 3-4 weeks so starting them too early gets you a twisted mess to untangle at planting time.

Near the end of the month I also start one of my favourite flowers. The

vining heavenly blue morning glory needs about four weeks ahead of its late May planting. You can start earlier if you're prepared to spend time untangling them when it's time to move outside. They scramble up the trellis they share with the pole beans which I usually direct seed to putting in the morning glory plants. In the last few years I've had to put a little fence around the base of those trellis as the bunnies like young bean plants.

## Pruning the crab apple

On another sunny warm day, the crab apple will get its annual pruning along with the other fruit trees in the backyard. Fruit tree pruning is an art form that can't be explained here. But there are lots of videos to show exactly how to do it. Most crab apples don't need pruning except for shape, but I have this old one in the backyard I started to prune years ago to keep it a certain size and shape over the ponds. It's become sort of a giant bonsai that now keeps me pruning every year. I don't know its variety but it reliably blooms and fruits every other year. I miss the blossoms on the alternate years though not the buckets of apples that need to be raked.

As the weather warms, I do a daily walk around the garden hoping for that wonderful first taste of fresh veggies. The asparagus will soon pop up, truly the start of the gardening season.



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# Signs of the times!

What Brooklin High students had to say about cuts...



Some of the signage created by BHS students for the peaceful walkout they staged in front of their school on April 4 to protest the Ford government's education cuts. About 500 students participated in the hour-long protest.

## New Pool/Spa Store In Brooklin

CB Pools and Spas will soon open a retail location in Brooklin in early May. The company that has had a Durham region presence since 2005 specializes in above and in and on ground pools as well as landscaping is preparing for its grand opening on Saturday, May 4. The new retail outlet will be at 30 St. Thomas St. in the building that also houses Manchu Kitchen Chinese Food. Visit <https://cbpools.ca/>.

## “Your Extraordinary Self”

Tammie Kip poses with her recently published book “Your Extraordinary Self” at her book launch last month at the Brooklin Pub.



nies and individuals on growth strategies and developing emotional IQ. “I really want to improve the culture in the workplace,” she says.

Published by Tellwell, a Vancouver Indie publisher, the book aims to help individuals identify their versions of success. It uses anecdotes and strategies to help accomplish this.

Proceeds from the book are being donated to Denise House, an emergency shelter for women and children.

Kip, a longtime Brooklin resident, has worked with numerous compa-

“Your Extraordinary Self” can be purchased online through Amazon, Chapters or Barnes and Noble web sites. You can connect with Tammie through [tammiekip.com](http://tammiekip.com).

## St. Bridget To Present “Willy Wonka Jr”

St. Bridget Catholic School’s 13th production in 15 years will be “Willy Wonka Jr,” a musical adaptation “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.”

sound, and lighting. this

One hundred students from Grades 4-8 have worked since the beginning of September on vocals, acting, blocking, choreography, marketing, ticket design, sets, backstage,

The play will be performed April 29 to May 3 for students coming from schools around Durham Region. There will also be public performances on April 30 and May 2, with a curtain time of 6:30 p.m. each night. Tickets can be bought at the school prior or at the door on the day of the show.



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# Woodcarving Show Highlights Skills

submitted by Robert Woodill

The Brooklin Woodcarving Show and Competition was held recently at the Brooklin Community Centre. Visitors were entertained by demonstrations from 20 different wood-carving clubs and vendors from throughout the Durham area and beyond.

A tool raffle awarded gift certificates and prizes from Chipping Away, Lee Valley Tools, Woodchuckers, Princess Auto, Carve It Up, Old Railway Station, and Arnold Koch, totaling \$600. The Brooklin club gathered carvings done by members and gave them away as door prizes. Refreshment sales were success-



ful thanks to the delicious sandwiches made by Judy Pater as well as baked goods donated by club members.

The carvings entered in the show ranged from novice to open. This year, the Best in Show was an amazing relief done by Bill Hamilton, a long-time member of the Cedar Ridge Carving Club. The People's Choice award

was a captivating whimsical castle carved in cottonwood bark by Murray Hamilton of the Port Perry Club.

Until this year's event and for 25 years, the show had been held at the Heydenshore Pavilion. When



notified by the Town that the Pavilion would be closing for good and torn down, an appeal was made to Mayor Don Mitchell. That's how the venue came to Brooklin. It's more square footage and so four new categories were added to the competition: birds of prey, waterfowl, woodturning, and pyrography. This contributed to a ten percent increase in the number of carvings entered.

Photos from the show have been posted at [www.brooklinwoodcarvers.com](http://www.brooklinwoodcarvers.com), along with a list of the ribbon winners.

to the hard work of club members and volunteers. We would like to thank the Whitby Seniors for their generosity by allowing us to use the Kozy Korner for our refreshments. Last but not least, a well done to all the carvers who participated in this competition, by exposing your hard work to the public as well as to your peers, you breathe new life into the art of woodcarving.

Next year's show will be the 30th anniversary, therefore the Brooklin Woodcarvers will be working hard to make it the best one ever. See you in 2020!

The show was a success thanks



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The Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA) sees home sales rebounding a little (2.1 percent) next year, with home prices roughly keeping up with inflation (2.7 percent). In Ontario, prices will likely climb a little faster (3.3 percent).

The big banks expect interest rates to continue to rise to between 2.25 percent and 2.75 percent by the end of 2019. And that will keep turning the screws on Canadians' budgets, with more money going toward mortgage and other debt payments and less left as disposable income. Climbing rates will also continue to raise the bar for wannabe home owners who have to pass the federal mortgage stress test in order to qualify for a new mortgage.

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