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Sadia Shaikh (left) and Aamir Kalu display some of the handmade jewelry they import from Gujarat province in India. Sadia moved here just four months ago while Aamir has been in Whitby six years. The small company's name is Paradise Jewels and Gems. More photos on page 5.

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Less than Half the Picture By Richard Bercuson

A New Canadian Family's Joy



How would you define joy? Happiness? Relief? Freedom?

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Free everywhere
Then, with the help of strangers, you find a way out, to a place you

almost can't believe exists. You can walk freely anywhere. The police are not the enemy. You're no longer a second class citizen without rights but rather a full and equal partner in society. As for the area where you initially lived, it is now rubble. In this new country, rubble is merely the name of a children's television cartoon character.

Such is the story of what I'll refer to as the "Y" family from Damascus. We cannot use their last name nor a photograph for fear of retribution to relatives left behind. Their neighbourhood exists in name only, levelled during the Syrian conflict, leaving them with no place to live after returning from Kuwait where the father, Mahmoud, worked in the telecom industry. It took nearly 16 months of government vetting and various carefully laid out procedures for him, his wife Hanadi and daughter Fajer to finally make it to

Canada, to Whitby, and ultimately to Grass Park on April 22 to celebrate the colours and cultures of, well, freedom.

The Lifeline
The Ys have five children: Taha, Mohamed, Khalil, Fajer, and Abdul. The eldest three, Taha, Mohamed and Khalil, have all been here since 2012 as students. Mahmoud and Hanadi were in Canada for a brief time in 2000 but when his work visa expired, they had to return to Syria. Mahmoud got work in Kuwait but it had no future. Getting them to Canada permanently was a process the sons started in 2012. With the extensive help of an organization called Lifeline Syria (lifelinesyria.

ca) that included sponsorship from 29 local people, the Y family now lives in Whitby.

All but Hanadi speak excellent English, a result of their private school education in Damascus. As such, they are able to share in one thing that seems to transcend borders: humour. When Mahmoud hears I'm from Montreal and speak French, he blurts, "Mon amour!" I feign recoiling and he bursts out laughing before adding, "Je t'aime!" The entire family joins in the joke and howls.

They laugh and smile a lot these days. With good reason, n'est-ce pas?

Letter to the Editor: Time to halt bullying

Not a week goes by in Canadian high schools where bullying does not occur. Bullying affects the majority of high school students. According to the National Centre for Educational Statistics, 1 in 5 students have claimed to have been either verbally, physically, sexually or mentally harassed by their peers.

As students in an Ontario high school, we have both been victims of, and have witnessed bullying first-hand. In a country that is supposed to be open-minded and welcoming, why do people always avoid such a serious matter?

This has been an ongoing problem since the beginning of the Canadian school system and it has

yet to be fixed. We believe that it is the government's responsibility to enforce stricter policies when it comes to school bullying and prevention. If the curriculum for both public and catholic schools consist with educating young students about the affects of bullying, it could be eradicated before someone gets hurt or hurts another.

It's time to put bullying to a halt once and for all in order to save more children from having to go through peer victimization. It is our hope that the government begins to prioritize students who are struggling with bullying.

- Bronte Dowse & Kariann Charlemagne, Brooklin

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Mon. May 22	1	Tue. May 23	Tue. May 23	No collection	No collection
Mon. May 22	2	Tue. May 23	Tue. May 23	Tue. May 23	Tue. May 23
Tue. May 23	3	Wed. May 24	Wed. May 24	No collection	No collection
Tue. May 23	4	Wed. May 24	Wed. May 24	Wed. May 24	Wed. May 24
Wed. May 24	5	Thu. May 25	Thu. May 25	No collection	No collection
Wed. May 24	6	Thu. May 25	Thu. May 25	Thu. May 25	Thu. May 25
Thu. May 25	7	Fri. May 26	Fri. May 26	No collection	No collection
Thu. May 25	8	Fri. May 26	Fri. May 26	Fri. May 26	Fri. May 26
Fri. May 26	9	Sat. May 27	Sat. May 27	No collection	No collection
Fri. May 26	10	Sat. May 27	Sat. May 27	Sat. May 27	Sat. May 27

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Brooklin Group Aims To Host Syrian Refugee Family

By Richard Bercuson

Ever hear of Gaithersburg, Maryland? It's one of the state's larger cities, having a population of around 68,000. Gaithersburg is considered the most culturally diverse city in the U.S., ironic given it's only 40 minutes from the capital and the current administration.

Brooklin is a fraction of its size and can't yet boast of such diversity. However, that is changing thanks to the efforts of local individuals who are working to bring Syrian refugees to live in Brooklin. The idea sounds like a bit of a stretch, from the sheer economic weight of it to cultural and language support. In order to address those needs, ten citizens on a steering committee will host a Town Hall gathering on Thursday, May 18, at the Brooklin Community Centre on Cassels Rd, from 7 to 8:30 pm, to gauge just how much interest there is here to assist with such a venture.

The group's steering committee is chaired, so to speak, by Sarah Jones who, she admits, fell into the role probably because of her work in the corporate world. "I guess I have the right experience with rigged corporate rules and such," she says. Her colleagues come from every walk of life and many didn't know each other before combining their skills to launch into the task.

Port Perry
It began with a connection to Port Perry, the tiny community north of

here with about half of Brooklin's population. Its efforts to support Syrian families have been nothing short of monumental. There, too, everything began with a Town Hall meeting and the organizers were immediately flooded with donations and support, so much so that it was quickly able to adopt a family. Now, after raising \$150,000, Port Perry is about to integrate its third Syrian family into the area.

Jones describes how details can get lost in the government's bureaucratic forest. One family arrived just two days after the Port Perry community was apprised of their arrival. In other instance, after a so-called thorough vetting indicating a family was comprised of a couple and their two young children, they arrived - with the mother six months pregnant awaiting twins. Organizers had to scramble to get cribs, car seats and all the other accoutrements for new babies.

She says the Port Perry experience is what this new Brooklin group is using as its model. "I know we're not the most diverse community. But there's a wonderful openness here which really has us all quite encouraged. Our spirits are high, they really are. Our support system has been growing. We know there's a huge need for sponsors to bring in families beyond the 25,000 people the government brought in.

Heartstrings
"About half of Syrian refugees are kids," she adds, "and that really

does pull on the heartstrings."

Within two days of mentioning it on Facebook, she had 136 followers. A number of people have already told her they'd help in some way, even if they can't make it to the May 18 Town Hall.

While the federal government suggests \$23,000 as a typical amount to cover a family's expenses for a year, Jones says their aim is \$50,000 - for now. Certainly the cost of living in Brooklin accounts for some of that difference. With the process currently in its infancy, she figures it could be a year or more before a Syrian family actually arrives.

One member of the fledgling group, Rebecca Calder, owner of the Calder pre-school on Cassels Rd, says the government's figure is unrealistic. "Besides, we're looking long term, beyond the one year. We have to consider second language cours-

es, job creation and so many other things. There'll be a lot of struggles, which is why we need the financial support to go beyond that first year."

Help and advice
The group is getting advice from the Port Perry volunteers and is working with a Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH) from one of the federal government approved groups designated to act as intermediaries in the long and complex process.

"I just felt like we somehow weren't doing enough," Jones says. "We haven't figured out a lot of things quite yet. For instance, the size of a family and so on. We won't be able to tackle that till the dollars are there."

As to the size of the turnout on May 18, it's impossible to say at this juncture what the extent of local support will be. But Jones, Calder and their colleagues remain upbeat no matter what.

Bryson Insurance, Isenor Mediation First With Blue Umbrella Designation

Bryson Insurance of Brooklin and Isenor Live Mediation Services are the first businesses to receive the Blue Umbrella designation from Durham Region's Alzheimer's Society.

Blue Umbrella is a specialized program that educates businesses about dementia and provides strategies to give good customer service to people living with the disease, the umbrella that includes Alzheimer's and others. It's paid for by the town of Whitby Mayor's Community Development Fund.

In fact, Whitby was the first Durham municipality to move forward with the project with Ajax about to go through it. According to Denyse Newton, Executive Director of the Alzheimer Society of Durham Region, 125 town of Whitby staff have been trained to make various town services dementia-friendly.

Bryson had 11 people at its Brooklin location, including front-line employees, trained by the program along with those at its Ajax office. Isenor's owner Audrey Isenor was also trained in the Blue Umbrella program.

At the May 1 Whitby council

meeting, all councillors and the mayor received the Blue Umbrella training and will be given their designations on May 8.

Jocelyn McGrath, the association's Blue Umbrella Program Lead, explains that the training begins with a business needs assessment. "We want to develop a sense of understanding of what the business knows about dementia." This includes an online questionnaire followed by an hour long training session. After this is completed, the follow-up, which includes being rewarded with the Blue Umbrella decal to post, involves a site visit from people with dementia to provide further help.

Newton says one doesn't need a medical background to handle the training. "We try to normalize the experience of people living with dementia. So we're helping the public understand that even small tweaks to their businesses or approach can make a difference."

For more information about the Blue Umbrella program, visit alzheimer.ca/en/durham/ then type "Blue Umbrella" into the search window.

The Mill Pond – dried out, c.1920

Courtesy of Whitby Archives



A picture postcard of a dried up Brooklin Mill Pond. The pond was located in the south western part of Brooklin on the Vipond Farm and served as the mill pond for the Brooklin flour mill. Today it is near the site of Meadowcrest subdivision.

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Our Brooklin Kids By Leanne Brown

Is there a perfect age to start music lessons?



This summer my daughter will be a junior bridesmaid at a family wedding. She has a small part that involves singing a little song. Ever the performer, she's excited about her big moment. However, there's a big difference between belting out a karaoke version of "Shake It Off" in the basement with your friends and standing up in front of 200 people.

Since she's had no vocal training beyond elementary school concerts, I decided that maybe a few singing lessons might help. As I sat in the lobby of Brooklin's The Song Spot listening to piano scales and sweet voices wafting through the walls, I thought, "Wow, some of these kids are good! When did these amazing kids start music lessons?"

Almost all children love music, but when do you know they're ready for lessons?

Did you know that children can actually hear music in the womb? In

fact, some seem to develop a taste for certain styles of music as a result. Age-appropriate music programs are easy to find whether in a group or individual setting.

Begin with classes

Classes for moms and babies are a great way to begin, even with children as young as six months. These classes are about 30 minutes long and include active participation with the parents. Programs designed for toddlers still require parental participation, but by this age, children are starting to actively engage in the class on their own.

Many music teachers feel the ideal age for kids to start music is around age 3 or 4 years. Typically these programs involve props, dancing, and singing. Usually kids are introduced to rhythm instruments with the aim to expose them to different musical styles and rhythm.

Once they hit about age five, you can start proper music lessons.

Group piano or glee lessons with other children their age are a great way to start. You can also begin to consider private individual instruction. Piano/keyboard lessons are often easiest for children ages 5 – 7. These provide a solid foundation as children learn basic music theory and start to read music.

Around age 7, instruments such as the guitar, drums and string instruments can be started. Children who have had some piano under their belt find it easier to make the transition to these.

Most elementary schools provide an opportunity for children in Grades 3 and up to begin taking group lessons on many instruments. Participating in a band or choir at school with friends is an experience that's often fondly remembered.

Keep it fun

Music brings joy so it is important to keep it fun. Studies have shown music education enhances a child's comprehension abilities, assists with math concepts and the development of fine motor skills, and helps to build self-confidence. Many children with special needs have been known to excel at music even though they are unable to communi-

cate or participate in regular structured activities. In general, music enhances the lives of both children and adults.

As for my daughter, while she likely will never be able to sing like Celine Dion, she's having great fun. And, going forward, the basement karaoke might not send the cat into hiding as often.



A Brooklin Toddler's Random Thoughts

"I don't need a tubby
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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.

Sat., May 6 - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Doors Open Whitby & Brooklin (free admission) St. Thomas' Church, 101 Winchester St. Brian Winter, author & former Whitby archivist. Tours, archival display, slideshow art display of St. Thomas Church. Slideshow of environmental award-winning construction of new church featuring new Ferguson stained glass window by Sue Obata. Refreshments and lunch (cash only)

Sat., May 6 - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Community Yard Sale at Brooklin United Church (19 Cassels Rd. E). Small furniture, toys, books, household items, collectibles, etc. Outdoor space available to individuals for \$25. For more information, call 905-655-4141.

Sun., May 7 - 10:00 am
Walk for Alzheimer's: Terry Kelly Field at the Oshawa Civic Centre on Thornton Rd. Registration at 10 am. Walk begins at

11:30 am
Entertainment from Ben Hudson Band
walkforalzheimers.ca

Mon., May 8 - 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Power of attorney and Last Will seminar at Brooklin branch of Whitby Library
Presented by Durham Region Police
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Sat., May 13 - 1:30 - 3:30 pm
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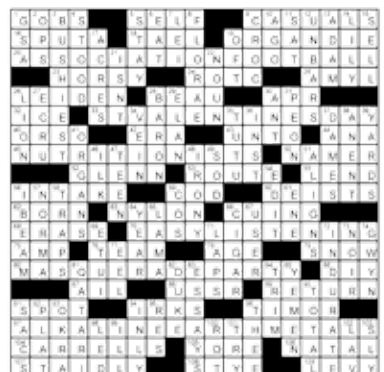
Sat., May 13 - 7:30 pm
Organ Recital with Dr. Giles Bryant at St. Thomas' Anglican Church, Brooklin. Dr. Bryant is the former organist and choir master at St. James' Cathedral in Toronto. Tickets are \$20, \$15 for seniors and students.

Thurs., May 18 - 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Sponsor a Syrian refugee family: Town Hall meeting at the Community Centre on Cassels Rd. Presentations and speakers to garner support and donations. All are welcome.

Friday, May 26 - 4:00- 5:00 pm (4th Friday of each month)
Teen Leadership Council at Brooklin Library
The Brooklin Branch of the Whitby Public Library is looking for members for its Teen Leadership Council. Participants will share ideas, assist with special events and programs, and have a say about what goes on at the library. TLC members in grades 9-12 also earn community service hours for school.

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to come to this month's meeting to see what it's all about! Snacks will be provided. No registration required. For more information, please email teenservices@whitbylibrary.ca.

Mondays: 6:30-7 pm:
French Family Storytime: Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to join Madame Sue for our weekly French Family Storytime! Enjoy a half hour of stories and songs in French, with a dash of English too! Registration is not required. Just drop in!
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From the Colours and Cultures of Brooklin Block Party



Durham’s Islamic Centre, IQRA, had a booth at the Colour and Cultures event as well. In the photo is the proud dad, Ajaz Ahmed, with his daughters Aleena (with the fantastic face painting) and Jannah. Below, Brooklin High students perform a Bollywood number.



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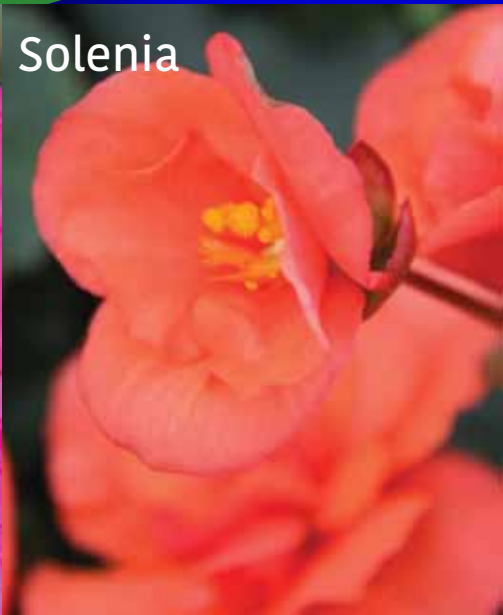
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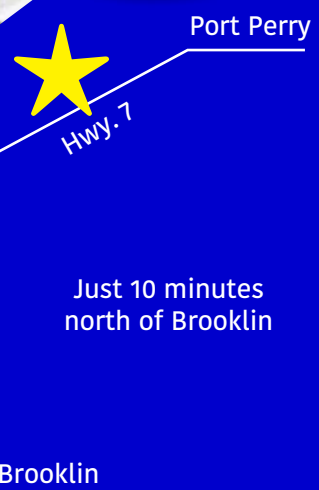
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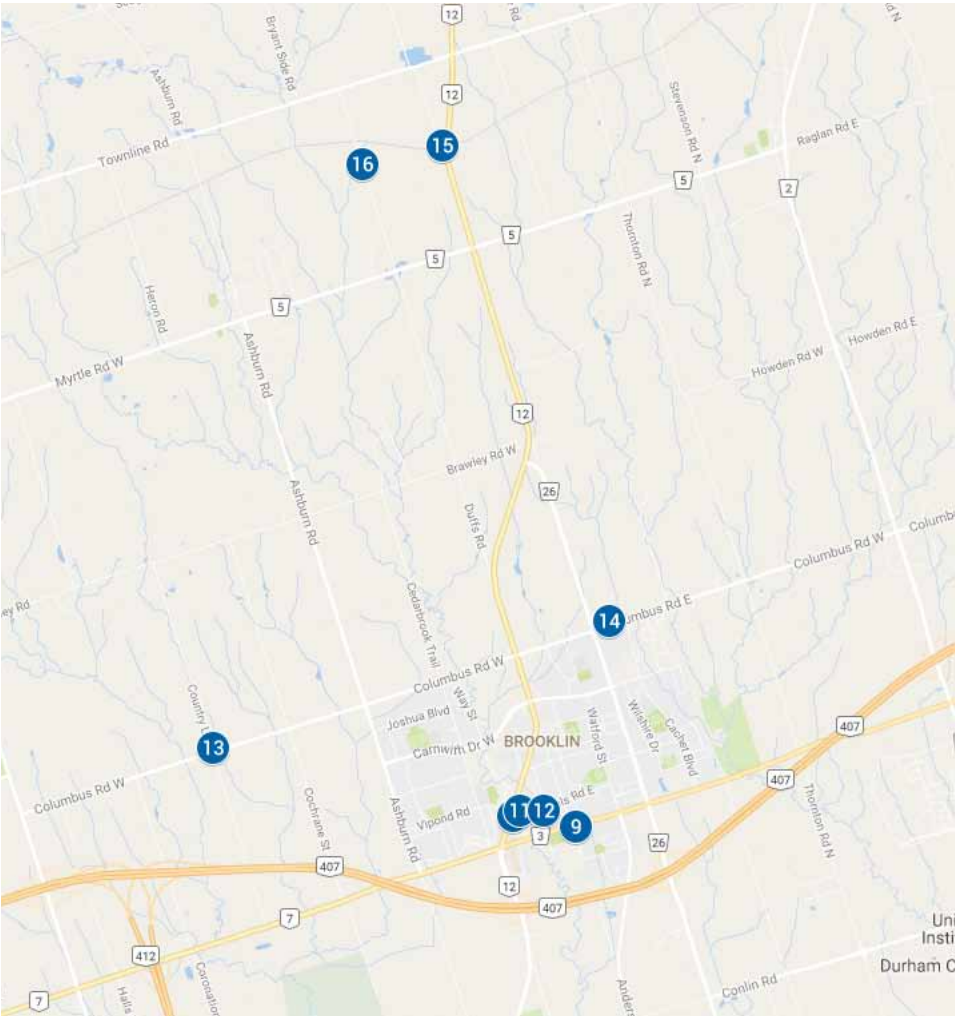
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What Doors Are Open in Brooklin on May 6?

Are you the mildly curious or nosey type? which means we're likely to get an influx of other curious folks from outside Brooklin. Better start sprucing up the front yard!

Good. Then you'll love the annual Doors Open Whitby event that runs 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, May 6.

In Brooklin, there'll be plenty to investigate. Half of Whitby's 16 locations are in our area or periphery,



doorsopenmap. Otherwise, check out the screenshot of the map we provide. We've even helped out the town by correcting one of its gaffes.

Follow the numbers on the map:

9 - St. Thomas' Anglican Church on the corner of Winchester and St. Thomas. Originally built in 1869. Organ recital 11 am -12:30 pm in the New Church. 12 - 1 pm - Choir singing in the Chapel

10 (You can't see it; it's behind 11) - Grass Park, so named not because of what grows but rather whom it's named for. The rest will be yours to discover from Wade Szilagyi, founder of the Vintage Whitby Facebook Group and creator of the Talking Historical Plaques app

11 - Across the street is Bryson Insurance, once an old Mac's Milk building. Bryson was one of the town of Whitby recipients of a \$25,000 facade grant in 2015 and the company did wonders with it. See for yourself. Plus, Durham's Alzheimer's Society will have a booth to explain its Blue Umbrella program, a designation Bryson was just awarded.

12 - Oopsy-daisy on this one. It's the Brooklin Community Centre and Library, which is NOT where #12 is shown on the map. You'll need to cross Baldwin from Grass Park, go north a few metres to Vipond, left on Vipond and the building is across the street. One of the loveliest community libraries you'll find.

13 - Back in the car (or on a bike - or a jaunt on foot) for a short trek

along Columbus to the Spencer Community Centre. It was originally a log cabin one-room school-house that operated till 1965.

14 - Charles Best Diabetes Centre. East on Columbus. This brick farmhouse from around 1835 is said to house some supernatural events, or so claims Durham's Paranormal Seekers. Be careful out there!

15 - The Lusted Residence. Straight up Baldwin and just past Myrtle Rd. An historic family home from the 1870s.

16 - Heartland Equestrian. The property was originally settled in 1802. Today, it's the home of Debbie Williams's riding stable, complete with horseback riding lessons. On Saturday, visitors will be able to tour the the stable area and watch riding lessons and a horse show.

There you have it. By the time you've dismounted from your horse at Heartland, you'll be hungry. Why not head back into Brooklin and enjoy snacks or food at one of the many great downtown spots?

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Yes Woman *By Marissa Campbell*

Royal Ashburn Tees Up A Great Golf Experience

I'm athletically challenged. I 'play' baseball, but I use the term loosely. At bat, I spend the majority of time missing the ball while, in the out-field, praying it doesn't come to me. I'm really only in it for the pub drinks afterwards. Despite my clumsy lack of kinetic coordination, I keep trying, which is why I jumped at the chance to work with Dave Castellan, one of the top 50 PGA of Canada instructors and Director of Instruction at **Royal Ashburn Golf Club**.

Rated one of Canada's top 50 public golf courses, **Royal Ashburn** offers a challenging championship golf course that's accessible to the novice and pro alike. With five different sets of tees, its aim is to make the game fun for all skill levels.

Tucked away from the congestion of fishbowl houses and endless traffic, **Royal Ashburn** is a private oasis in the country, five minutes from town. Enjoy fresh air, scenic, lush fairways, stunning gardens, and bird song echoing throughout mature trees. It's even partnered with environ-

mental groups like Ducks Unlimited to provide natural habitats for area wildlife. Given its natural beauty, there's plenty of golf Zen potential walking the course. It's also easy to see why the course is rated one of Toronto's premium wedding venues.

Rough beginning

My introduction to golf happened many moons ago. It involved meeting up with a group of friends for a riveting round of 18 holes on a ridiculously difficult course. Having never played before, everyone took turns to offer me advice. From my swing,

to my stance, to the proper etiquette of timely ducking when the ball ricocheted off a tree and careened back toward my head, every aspect of my technique was scrutinized and critiqued. I listened to all their well-intended suggestions and gave it my best shot.

This approach accomplished three things:

- 1. I had no idea what I was doing and couldn't begin to explain why I hit the ball reasonably well sometimes and completely duffed it the others.
- 2. I also had no idea how to correct my technique when the ball skidded across the fairway, despite my picturesque goal of sending it soaring in a fine arc toward the tee.
- 3. I grew increasingly frustrated at my lack of ability to play the game with any degree of consistency.

I cannot stress enough the value of proper instruction—in any sport! Dave Castellan has over 40 years of experience, including working closely with Hank Haney, Tiger Woods' former swing coach. Within an hour private session with Dave, not only did I learn the proper swing, stance, and grip, I also learned the two biggest mistakes I made when attempting to

connect with the ball (attempts which resulted in dramatically missing it altogether, or sending it hobbling a few feet in front of me). My lesson also included a video evaluation of my swing so I could see what was working and what I could improve. I cannot wait to put his advice into practice.

And ladies' clinics

In addition to private and semi private instruction, the Golf Academy at **Royal Ashburn** offers clinics for ladies only, new and returning golfers, and junior lessons and camps. Most of their spring courses start in May, a perfect opportunity to get golf ready for the season ahead.

I walked away from **Royal Ashburn** with a degree of confidence that I might be able to hit the ball with reasonable accuracy and a new-found excitement to play the game. If I can overcome my well-honed handicap, you can, too.

Sign up for a clinic, grab some clubs, hit the tee, and have some fun. I'll meet you at the refreshment cart on the ninth hole.



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An additional meeting has been added on Monday, May 8, at the Brooklin Library at 6:30 p.m. (8 V pond Rd, Whitby)

Further seminars are being held to

educate the community on fraud and scam awareness, human trafficking and the Neighbourhood Watch program. These are being sponsored by the DRPS Neighbourhood Watch program and local community partners.

- **Neighbourhood Watch** – A Caring Community – how to effectively partner with your neighbours and the police to create a safer community;
- **Human Trafficking** – Separating myth from fact, is it happening

close to home, how to recognize the signs, and how to help someone who is at risk for being victimized;

- **Fraud and Scam Awareness** – Learn about the latest trends in frauds and scams, how to spot a phishing scheme and recognize if someone is being targeted, how to report these crimes, and what to do if you or a loved one becomes a victim.

Seminar details :
• Monday, May 8 – 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - three presentations (Frauds and Scams only) in one day in North Durham:
- Sunderland Legion (104 River Street, Sunderland) 10:45 a.m.-11:45



- a.m.
- Cannington Baptist Church (60 Cameron Street West, Cannington) 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.,
 - Beaverton Legion (517 Mara Rd, Beaverton) 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
 - Thursday, May 11 - 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. – Carruthers Marsh Pavilion (55 Ashbury Blvd, Ajax)
 - Saturday, May 13 - 9:30 a.m. - noon - Discovery Church Bowmanville (140 Queen Street, Bowmanville)

All seminars are free. For more information, contact the Neighbourhood Watch coordinator at **1-888-579-1520 ext. 5610** or **1150@drps.ca**.

Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe

- Across
- 1 A bunch (4)

5 “To thine own ____ be true”(4)

9 Temporary workers (7)

16 Phlegm (5)

18 Old Chinese money (4)

19 A sheer stiff muslin (8)

20 A game in which two teams of 11 players try to kick or head a ball into the opponents’ goal (11,8)

23 Merry-go-round figure, to a child (5)

24 Campus military org. (4)

25 ____ nitrate (4)

26 City known primarily as the town in which Rembrandt was born (6)

28 Sweetheart (4)

30 30-day mo. (3)

32 Diamonds, slangily (3)

33 A day for the exchange of tokens of affection (2,10,3)

40 Guesstimate phrase (2,2)

42 Victorian, for one (3)

43 “Do ____ others as...” (4)

44 Gasteyer of “Saturday Night Live” (3)

45 Dieticians (13)

50 A person who gives a name or names (5)

52 Made the first orbital rocket powered flight by a United States astronaut in 1962 (5)

53 Itinerary (5)

55 Extend credit (4)

56 Amount eaten (6)

59 Atlantic catch (3)

60 Non religious persons (6)

62 Delivered (4)

63 Hose material (5)

66 Prompting (5)

68 Clear, as a disk (5)

70 Popular music, usually tuneful and soothing (4,9)

75 Electric guitar hookup (3)

76 Kind of spirit (4)

78 “Act your ____!” (3)

79 Falling flakes (4)

80 A party of guests wearing costumes and masks (10,5)
- 86 Do it yourself abbr. (3)

87 Feel sick (3)

88 The Beatles’ “Back in the ____” (4)

89 Yield (6)

91 Detect (4)

94 Bothers (4)

96 Indonesian island (5)

97 Calcium, strontium, barium, magnesium, beryllium; for example (8-5,6)

104 Individual study areas in a library (8)

105 Bygone era (4)

106 Birth-related (5)

107 In a grave and sober manner (7)

108 Eye sore (4)

109 Impose, as a tax (4)
- Down
- 1 Fed. construction overseer (3)

2 Harvest goddess (3)

3 Shaggiest (8)

4 Endured (5)

5 “Don’t go!” (4)

6 “Dig in!” (3)

7 Floral necklace (3)

8 Plant life in a particular region or period (6)

9 Gator’s cousin (4)

10 A long time ____ (3)

11 Parked oneself (3)

12 Removes a bar from (a door) (6)

13 Comic Sandler (4)

14 Easter flower (4)

15 Unload, as stock (4)

17 Farm units (5)

19 Frequently, in poetry (3)

21 George Harrison’s “____ It a Pity” (4)

22 Verb preceder (4)

26 Animal with a mane (4)

27 Hosiery shade (4)

28 Red ____ (5)

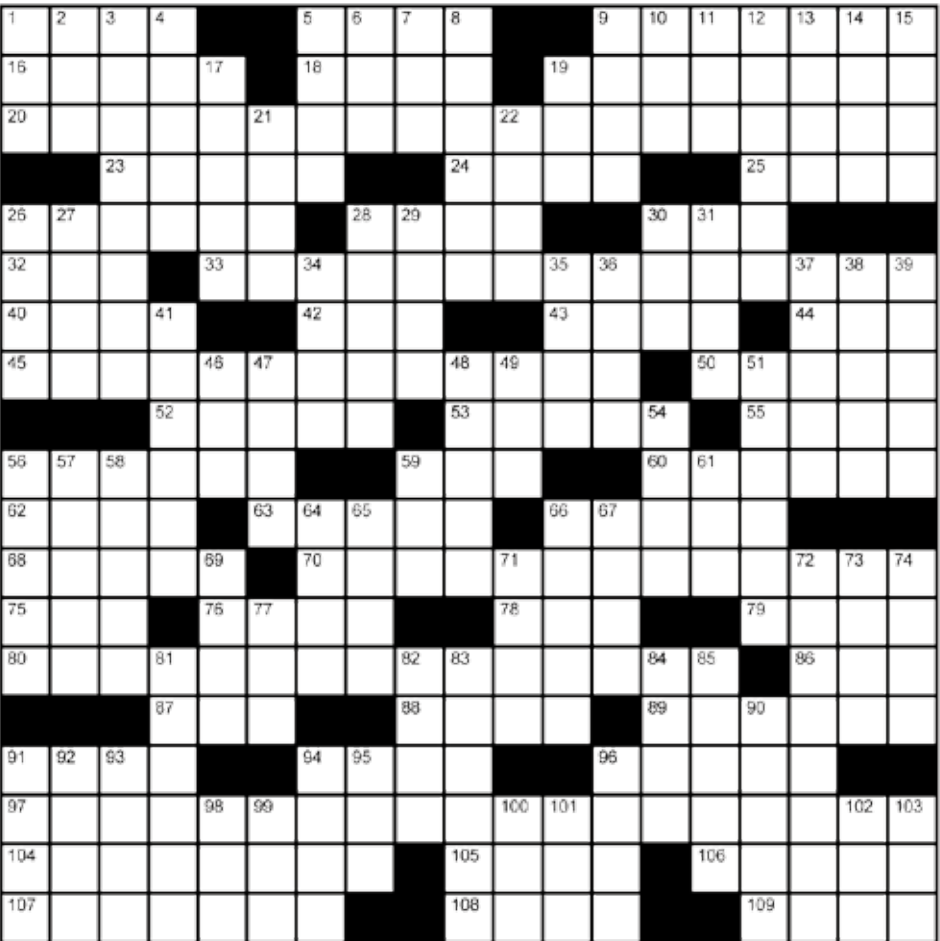
29 Flair (4)

30 Aardvark’s morsel (3)

31 Hacienda hand, maybe (4)

34 A layer of ore between

- layers of rock (4)
- 35 Ballet wear (4)
- 36 Research facility: Abbr. (4)
- 37 The equivalent title to ‘Sir’; title for a woman who has been awarded an order of chivalry (5)
- 38 About; concerning; in respect (5)
- 39 The enclosed land around houses (5)
- 41 Some are vital (6)
- 46 Breed (3)
- 47 Freshman, probably (4)
- 48 Often-missed humor (5)
- 49 Ground cover (3)
- 51 Be or come into adjustment with (6)
- 54 Cut, maybe (4)
- 56 Construction girder (1-4)
- 57 Actress Shearer (5)
- 58 Snares (5)
- 59 Businesses: Abbr. (3)
- 61 The compass point midway between northeast and east (3)
- 64 Calendar span (4)
- 65 Dalai ____ (4)
- 66 Stogie (5)
- 67 ____-friendly (4)
- 69 Small ornamental ladies’ bag for small articles (4)
- 71 Pool exercise (4)
- 72 Emotionally hardened (8)
- 73 Black, as la nuit (4)
- 74 Celtic underworld god (4)
- 77 Moray, e.g. (3)
- 81 A native or inhabitant of Qatar (6)
- 82 A British nobleman of the highest rank (4)
- 83 College application parts (6)
- 84 Barber’s job (4)
- 85 Aden’s land (5)
- 90 Add up (5)
- 91 Bursae (4)
- 92 Surveyor’s map (4)
- 93 Creole vegetable (4)
- 94 Internally; within; in the heart (4)
- 95 ____ gestae (3)
- 96 Quaker’s “you” (4)
- 98 ____ Zeppelin (3)
- 99 Down with the flu (3)
- 100 Break down (3)
- 101 “Don’t give up!” (3)
- 102 Head, for short (3)
- 103 Cunning (3)



Our Councillor's Report *by Rhonda Mulcahy*

North Ward Councillor, Town of Whitby • mulcahyr@whitby.ca

Blue Umbrellas



Oh Canada. I can sing along..."

"I don't remember who this man is. He is calling me mom. There is something on the TV. Some sport. They are playing a song I know. It starts with

This would be what I can only imagine my mother-in-law was thinking a few years ago when she came to visit. You see, by then in her stage of Alzheimer's, she wasn't very verbal. I believe she knew she knew us, but I don't think she knew who we were. Yet she could still sing "Oh

Canada." It was bitter sweet. She's always been a huge Blue Jays fan.

This is a very private thing to expose in our family. And not because we are ashamed or embarrassed but because it is painful and there is often a stigma associated with forms of dementia. Mary is now well looked after in Fairview Lodge, however, at that point she was home with my father-in-law. Anyone who's had a loved one experience this disease can understand how difficult it is to care for someone who may be physically strong but often mentally absent. I can't fathom the patient's experience.

New program

The Blue Umbrella Program offered by the Durham Region Alzheimer's Society is a new initiative aimed at helping people continue their day-to-day activities in the community while living with the brain disorder known as dementia.

The Blue Umbrella itself signifies dementia and the umbrella's points represent the types of dementia: Alzheimer's, vascular dementia, fronto-temporal dementia, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease and Lewy body dementia.

Over 560,000 Canadians are living with it. By 2031, that number is expected to be around 937,000. It is estimated we will be spending over \$16.5 billion dollars in combined health care systems on dementia.

Last Monday at Council, we received a presentation about the program.

How to interact

We learned how to interact with residents who may have forms of dementia. Ironically, the best advice in how to help is to do some things that as a society we should be cognizant of anyways: slow down, speak clearly, use simple words, smile, be patient, try to connect.

These are some of the techniques the society's volunteers will review with local businesses in their Blue Umbrella certification. Once all employees are trained and the business is certified, they will wear Blue Umbrella pins and have window decals. A resident will be aware there is help for them available. And they also have a choice to wear a pin to identify them.

Council donated \$25,000 to the program and we are happy to see it rolling out to local businesses. There will soon be group training sessions in Brooklin for anyone interested in obtaining the certification. Or you can contact the society directly to have a volunteer come meet with you for your certification. It's free and takes just a couple of hours to be deemed dementia friendly.

There are warning signs that you or someone you know may have developed a form of dementia. It crossed my own mind the other day when I was putting milk in the cupboard. I think we can all relate to many of these symptoms: memory loss affecting the performance of daily tasks, problems with language, disorientation in time and space, impaired judgement, problems with abstract thinking, misplacing things, and changes in mood or behaviour.

Fact 1: Dementia is not a normal part of aging, but age is the biggest risk factor.

Fact 2: We are an aging community.

Council endorsed

Combine these and it only stands to reason we need to address dementia in our community. I'm very happy our council has endorsed this program and I hope the message is clear: we all need to be leaders in building the kind of community we want to live in.

Brooklin specifically is loved for its small town charm. This program is one that will have us demonstrate how welcome we are.

By 2022, less than five years from now, our population will hit 68,000. We can still be a wonderful place to live... if we all learn to slow down, listen, smile, and be patient.

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- In English only
- Maximum of two submissions per writer
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