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These ladies spent St. Patrick's Day whooping it up at the Brooklin Legion

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Less than Half the Picture *By Richard Bercuson*



A Pill Meltdown

It's finally spring, and my thoughts naturally go to - radioactive poisoning. I would've given this more thought during the winter but I was distracted by searching for doggie dumps in the backyard snow.

The Pickering nuclear station is about 26 km from home; the Darlington one is 37 km away. When choosing where to live out here, we hadn't considered the local deadly dangers lurking nearby. Heaven knows what they do at those places. What if they're secret nuclear weapons installments and are on North Korea's hit list? We can't be certain.

I'm no fear monger but I do remember Three Mile Island (look it up) and the Fukushima melt down after that horrible 2011 earthquake and tsunami. Fortunately, Brooklin's lower east side is shielded from a Lake Ontario tsunami by the 407.

I only recently learned that a couple of years ago residents within 50 km of either plant received free Ki pills to reduce the risk of thyroid cancer if a disaster occurred. I should add here that K (for potassium) and i (for iodine) are the two periodic table errors I made on the multiple choice exam that prevented me from getting into neurosurgery school.

Anyway, we moved after these were mailed and the previous homeowner, who bolted for safety far away, didn't leave the pills behind. This was off-putting since we've now lived under this threat for months. I had a dream once that the Pickering plant imploded and my neighbours wandered onto the street, downing their pills with beer. They looked to my front yard and saw my wife and I crawling on the grass, zombies from "The Walking Dead." But I'd donned my hockey helmet, you know, just in case.

It seems that in the event of a nuclear emergency, an ugly cloud of radioactive iodine could travel the 401, up the 412, and finally along highway 7 to my abode. There are a couple of alternate routes without tolls but the result is the same: it can move quite fast. According to the web site preparetobesafe.ca,

we'd still have time to take the pills. If we could find them.

I picture the two of us racing around the house, trashing cupboards while the dog whines at the back door.

"No!" I yell in a panic. "You can't go out! It's poisonous! And the squirrels are all dead! Dead, I tell you!" Then, to my wife..."Didn't I put those pills in the closet behind the tablecloth from our wedding?... Oh geez, look at this, pictures of the kids at Disney in 1997...Been wondering where those went..."

"Richard! The pills! Find the pills!"

To put my family's minds at ease - well, chiefly mine - I ordered us a package from the web site. It'll arrive in four to six weeks. This brings us to May, a truly lovely time of the year, so long as nothing happens.

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DRPS & Crime Stoppers To Combat Illegal Fentanyl

Durham Regional Crime Stoppers has launched a two-month project in partnership with DRPS to help reduce the illegal trafficking and distribution of Fentanyl in our communities.

During the months of March and April 2017, Crime Stoppers will pay a \$1,000 reward to any tipsters with information that directly leads to the seizure of illicit Fentanyl, or its derivatives, for the purpose of trafficking and/or the arrest of individuals involved in the trafficking of Fentanyl.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opiate narcotic, a prescription drug that is prescribed by a medical practitioner for patients with chronic pain. This medication, if not

used in the prescribed manner, can be lethal.

We encourage members of the community to help by doing their part. You can assist this initiative by providing information that can combat the issue, which has negatively impacted many families and individuals in the Region of Durham.

Anonymous tips can be submitted to Crime Stoppers by calling **1-800-222-TIPS (8477)** or online at www.durham-regionalcrimestoppers.ca. For further information regarding this crime prevention initiative, please contact Cst. Dana Edwards, Crime Stoppers Coordinator, at **1-888-579-1520 ext.1863**.



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About the Public Meeting

Residents are welcome to attend the meeting in-person or live stream from the town's website. If you are unable to attend, written comments can be submitted to the Town Clerk.

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Our Brooklin Kids By Leanne Brown



The birthday party...Who to invite?

Deciding who to invite to your child's party can be stressful. Family? Friends? Her entire class? The hockey team and parents? If you leave someone out, you risk hurting someone's feelings.

Depending on your child's age, you can get away with only inviting close family and friends. Toddlers and younger children may not have friends they care about coming to their party so family parties are best. They're happy with just a few friends attending.

From preschool until about grade 2, it's not uncommon for the whole class to be invited to a party. If your younger school-age child is having a birthday party with friends from school, then it is courteous to invite the entire class. Younger kids don't have the discretion to not talk about their party in front of kids who aren't invited. If the party is to have a gender specific theme like a princess party, it's fine to invite just the girls (or boys) as long as you invite them all.

If you have a large family, you may

choose to have separate birthday parties - one for family, the other for friends. The family one can be a simple dinner or BBQ on the actual birthday followed by the friends party later in the week.

Children between 8 and 12 often have groups of friends from different parts of their lives. They may have friends from school, sports teams, dance, etc. If you add these up, you'll have 30 or more kids. So this is when you see the lists dwindle to just the closest friends. The parties also tend to get smaller. They no longer favour large indoor playgrounds, but gravitate towards movies, sleepovers, or event venues where the guest list packages are capped at 12.

Last year, my daughter's birthday invite list expanded big time! Over the year, she'd developed strong friendships with girls from all her sports. They were on the list along with her usual friends. After narrowing the list to 16, I explained this would be the last "big" party until she turned 13. To my surprise, she was fine with the idea. As much as she loved the attention, she found it

hard to actually spend time with her favourite friends. This year we're planning something much smaller.

What if your child is friends with one kid who has another buddy your child doesn't like? Can you invite just the one child? One way to look at it is to see if your child and this friend have a link that doesn't involve the other child. For example, the kids might play soccer together but the other child doesn't. In that case it's okay, especially if other soccer teammates are going. If not, it's probably best to invite both or none.

If your child got invited to another's party, do you have to reciprocate? No, you don't. However, there might be consequences. I find children may not hold grudges, but parents do! Rule of thumb: if you run in the same circles, then it's probably best to extend the invite. Besides this may be a new developing friendship that could become special.

Finally, if the invite list is too hard to narrow down, consider doing a weekend away or special

event with just the family and/or best friend. This limits hurt feelings and expenses and they often turn out to be the birthdays your child remembers.



A Brooklin Toddler's Random Thoughts

"I have to be taller and then I can go to kindergarten."

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.

Sun., March 26 - 7:00 pm

Brooklin Pub Quiz Night is This month's hints are:

1. Svalbard Global Seed Vault
 2. Panama Canal
- Teams of 4-8; 6 is best. If you don't have a team, we will add you to one. \$15.00 per person includes a platter of wings and fries and a mug of beer. All proceeds to Pulmonary Hypertension Association of Canada

Sat., April 1 - 11:00 am

Big Bucks Euchre -Regular progressive euchre. No partner required. Odd Fellows Hall, 42 Bagot St., Brooklin. \$10 includes lunch and excellent prizes. Advance tickets only. Proceeds to Camp Trillium Capital fund - camps for kids with cancer and their families. **905-655-4652.**

Sun., April 9 - 1:00-4:00 pm

A 90th Birthday Celebration!

The family of Fortunato (Fred) Molica would like to invite friends and family to celebrate his 90th birthday at the Mount Zion Masonic Hall, 14 Cassels Rd. East, Brooklin. Best wishes only please.

Sat. April 22 - 1:00 - 3:00 pm

At Grass Park: Colours and Cultures of Brooklin Block Party, Music - Food - Activities

Fri., April 28 - 7:00 - 10:00 pm

St. Thomas' Anglican Church, 101 Winchester Rd. E, Brooklin
To Haiti with Love: An Unforgettable Night of Haitian Culture. Presented by Rotary Club of Whitby. To support the efforts of *Little Footprints Big Steps* Features special guest Morgan Wienberg. Tickets \$50 from rotarywhitby.org

Sat., April 29

Beef dinner: Beethoven Odd Fel-

lows and Kinoven Rebekahs lodge hall at 42 Bagot St., Brooklin (east of Cassels St. bridge). Lots of beef & potatoes, lots of pies! Tickets: \$17.50 Adults - \$7.00 Children 5:00 & 6:30 sittings - Advance tickets only please. Call **Harry 905-666-0814** or email: h.agar@sympatico.ca or **Ray 655-8025**

Sunday, April 30 - 1:00 p.m

Spring Fashion Show at St. Leo the Great Parish Hall, 130 Watford St. (off Winchester). Featuring clothing by "Alia". Tickets: \$15 each or 5 for \$70
Sweets and beverages served + Door prizes. Call **905-620-0724** for info or to reserve tickets

Sat., May 13 - 7:30 pm

Organ Recital: Dr. Giles Bryant will play an organ recital at St. Thomas' Anglican Church, Brooklin. The recital will include a variety of organ compositions. Dr. Bryant is the former organist and choir master at St. James' Cathedral in Toronto. Tickets are \$20.00 and \$15.00 for seniors and students.

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! LOCATION: Central Library - Children's Program Room

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Brooklin Secondary Plan and Transportation Master Plan Study

Notice of Public Information Centre #4



The Study

The Town of Whitby is undertaking a comprehensive study to prepare a land use Secondary Plan and Transportation Master Plan to enable the Town to guide and manage growth in the Brooklin area (please refer to the Brooklin Study Map).

The purpose of the Secondary Plan is to determine the land use designations for the urban expansion areas north and west of Brooklin, the industrial lands adjacent to the future Highway 407 and the lands in the vicinity of the Conlin Road/Anderson Street intersection, as well as to update the existing Brooklin Community Secondary Plan.

The purpose of the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) is to determine transportation infrastructure and mobility requirements to support existing and future transportation needs for the Brooklin area.

The Brooklin Secondary Plan and Transportation Master Plan are collectively referred to as the “Brooklin Study”.

Public Information Centre #4

You are invited to attend an afternoon or evening session of the Public Information Centre (PIC) on Wednesday, April 5, 2017. The purpose of this meeting is to present and solicit feedback from the public on the preferred land use plan and draft secondary plan that have been developed. This PIC will provide an opportunity for local residents, land owners and other interested individuals to discuss the Brooklin Study with members of the Study Team. Public input is vital to the success of the study.

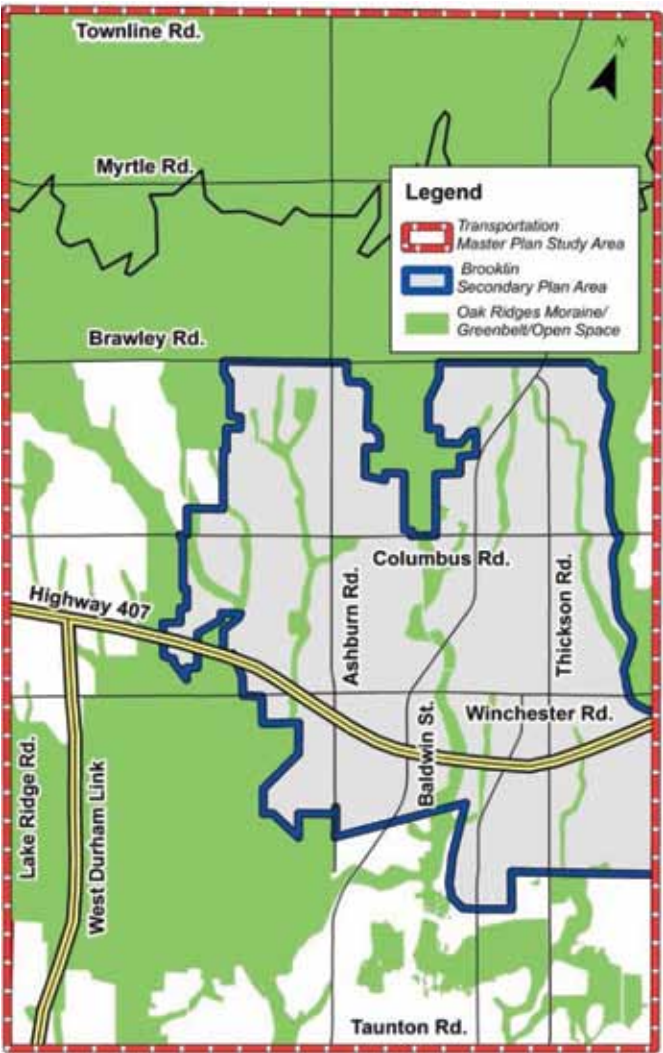
Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Time: 2:00-5:00 p.m. (afternoon session)
6:00-9:00 p.m. (evening session)

Location: Brooklin United Church, 19 Cassels Road East, Brooklin

The PIC format will include an open house starting at 2:00 p.m. and again at 6:00 p.m.; at each session there will be a presentation beginning at 3:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m.

The preferred land use plan and draft secondary plan are also available on the Town's website at www.whitby.ca/brooklinstudy . A public comment form is on the website for those who wish to provide written comments. The deadline for the submission of comments is April 14, 2017.



The Process

The Brooklin Study is based on an “integrated approach” as set out in Section A.2.9 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) document, as amended in 2007 & 2011, which combines *Planning Act* and *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements. As such, this Study will address Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class EA process. The work completed to date as part of the Northwest Brooklin Class EA, the purpose of which was to address concerns regarding Highway 7/12, as well as give consideration to establishing an alternate route for Highway 7/12 so that the Town can gain care and control over Baldwin Street, will be incorporated into the TMP.

The Brooklin Study will require extensive public consultation throughout the study process, in accordance with both the *Planning Act* and *Environmental Assessment Act*, and as directed by Council. The public consultation process includes a Community Advisory Committee, Public Information Centres (PICs) and statutory public meetings. To date, three (3) sets of PICs have been held.

Comments

Relevant study information is posted on the Town's website (www.whitby.ca/brooklinstudy). Comments from the public are encouraged now and throughout the Brooklin Study. Should you wish to receive further notification regarding the Brooklin Study, please submit your request, including your name, address, postal code, telephone number, and email, to the study email address (brooklinstudy@whitby.ca), or to the Town at the mailing address below. Please quote file OPA-2013-W/02.

Please contact one of the individuals below should you require additional information:

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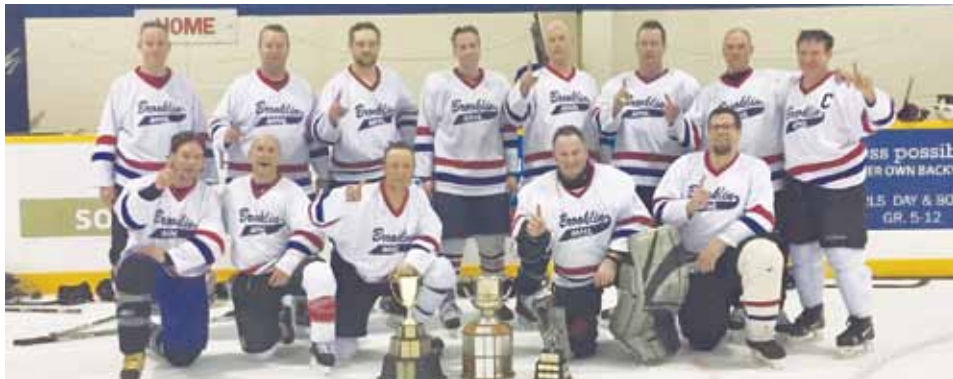
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Comments, input, and information regarding the Brooklin Study may be included in study documentation. With the exception of personal information (e.g. name, address, telephone number, etc.) all comments received will become part of the public record.



Men's League Champs!

Brooklin State Farm Canucks (top) won the Masters Division and the Brooklin IDA Pharmacy Canadiens (bottom) won the Original 6 division in the Brooklin Men's League championships at Vipond Arena on March 11.

Blooming in Brooklin By Ken Brown

Inside, It All Makes Sense



Maybe I'll just stay in the basement.

At least down there the gardening season seems to make sense because the weather sure doesn't. The seeds are being planted on time and germinating when they're supposed to. But outside, the weather is just weird.

Back to the basement I go where things are orderly and predictable. All the early season vegetable crops have been sown and have germinated. I found a new source for the oriental vegetable seeds, (agrohaitai.com) that make up the bulk of the early crop. I'm growing three types of pak choi this year and a Chinese celery that's new to me.

Coincidentally, I just received a new book, *The Chinese Kitchen Garden* by Wendy Kiang-Spray. My first quick read reveals a delightful family story that weaves its way into planting and growing instructions for a wide range of Chinese vegetables. Each story is accompanied by a recipe for the harvest in the kitchen. It's going to be well used this spring.

While the calendar says it's late March, there's a crowded schedule waiting for me. Besides the many seeds needing sowing, there are bulbs and tubers to get started on. My favourite tuberous begonias have to be dug out of the box of shredded paper where they've had their long winter nap, and potted. Some moisture and warmth will wake them up and they'll

start the long journey that provides me with magnificent blooms all summer. They're easy to grow and will tolerate a reasonable amount of shade. Garden centres should have many varieties on display now, so escape the winter weather by visiting one and wandering among the delights of spring

Beside the begonia tubers there'll be a range of dahlia tubers available. I've been growing more of these each year because they're a great source of cut flowers in the summer. That box of shredded paper will also yield several large clumps of dahlia tubers. Those little tubers you find in the bag from the garden centre will produce wonderful flowers but they'll also greatly increase the size of their tuber clump. I have some that will need a 20 cm pot to hold them. Even then, I may have to remove a few to make them fit. That's not a bad thing, as I look them over carefully for damaged or shrivelled parts that should be removed. These large clumps can also be divided carefully, but then you have two plants producing the same flowers when I would rather use that same space to grow two different plants.

It's a little early to really start my tomato seeds but a few will be planted now. The plan is to have a couple of plants in at least 15 cm pots with flowers and maybe a few tiny fruit ready to go out in the garden at the end of May. It doesn't always work out well, but when it does, savour-

ing a few extra early tomatoes makes all the effort worthwhile. It's just another reward of being a dedicated gardener.



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MOCKING (03/17)

Yes Woman *By Marissa Campbell*

Brooklin Village Spa and Salon: Ahh, Such Bliss!

When was the last time you took some time for yourself?

I mean, real, honest-to-goodness-no-kids-or-family-members-in-the- vicinity time for yourself? (Locking yourself in the bathroom while toddlers claw at the door doesn't count.) I snuck out for two and a half hours of pure relaxation bliss at **Brooklin Village Spa and Salon** and lost myself in the rapture of a facial and pedicure.

Seriously. This was heaven. I've had pedicures at nail bars in and around town, but I'm short and can never get comfortable in those oversized massage chairs. At **Brooklin Village Spa and Salon**, I reclined in a comfy bed, propped up with fluffy pillows, covered in warm blankets, listening to a soothing spa soundtrack while Kristy Beattie, their incredible Spa Manager, buffed and polished my sparkling toes to a hot pink sheen. I may have fallen asleep while my feet soaked in warm sudsy water. A stainless-steel bowl was brought to the spa bed and placed on a special shelf; I didn't have to move a muscle.

Brooklin Village Spa and Salon is a green spa with several organic products and it works hard to limit energy consumption and manage waste. Their nail polish, for example,

is free of the top five harshest chemicals like formaldehyde, and their make-up is gluten free - a boon for yours truly. Their products are safe for pregnant women.

Jaime Towns took over ownership five years ago and has created a soothing, welcoming environment. As soon as you walk through the doors, you are enveloped in serenity. It's a spa, first and foremost, but has recently added an intimate hair salon offering clients a wide variety of services in one location.

For my facial, I tried out the Eminence Organic experience, needing some hydration after a long, cruel winter. I added anti-aging creams for good measure. Receiving a facial not only rejuvenates and nourishes our skin (the biggest organ in our body), but it also aids relaxation and restores a calm, peaceful state of mind.

If you've never had one, let me paint you a picture: warm and cozy, wrapped in soft blankets, gentle fingertips massage your face, imparting nourishing ingredients into your skin. As the moisturizer absorbs, you find your arms being treated to the same luxury, as skilled hands knead away every knot of tension, right down to your fingers. After

more glorious facial massage and treatments, a hydrating mask is applied and while that sinks into your skin, your legs receive similar treatment, the muscles of your calves and thighs melting under the flawless touch of the wonderful aestheticians. As if that wasn't enough, with the last luxurious cream applied, you sigh in repletion as fingers weave their way through your hair, massaging every inch of your scalp. This entire experience lasted an hour, and I didn't want to get off the bed.

There was another bed in the room and I learned they do treatments for couples and moms and daughters, but if you need more space, they offer bachelorette celebrations and girls' night out parties. Basically, you get to take over the entire spa. You can even bring your own wine! For the young ladies, they offer princess parties, complete with a real princess!

Guys, here's an insider tip for Mother's Day... they have gift certificates! Or, Ladies, grab your man a treatment for Father's Day - men need some loving, too. Personally, I know too many overworked, overstressed people. We put ourselves and our needs last, which may seem like a good idea in the short term, but



eventually stress infiltrates our lives and sinks its insidious claws into our well-being. We need to take time for ourselves. It's not a guilty pleasure, it's imperative for our health. Time to book some well deserved me time at **Brooklin Village Spa and Salon**.



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