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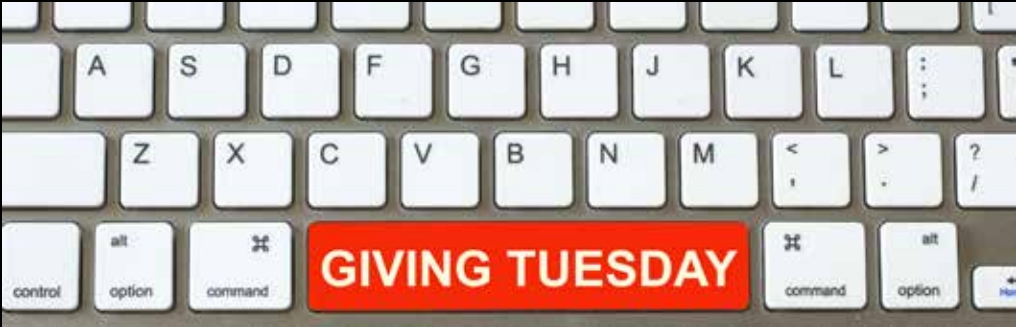
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The Face of Courage

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Less than half the picture by Richard Bercuson



Just a thought

Some ideas are just too simple.

A fellow I know recently waxed philosophic about the additional electric vehicle parking spaces the town is installing in various locales like the library, arenas, etc. He noted that, at this juncture, not many of those prime spots will be taken since these EVs aren't yet ubiquitous. What a waste, he surmised.

His idea? Create a magnetic decal to resemble the cap EVs have, plunk it on his car, and use the parking spots. He also owns a refurbished vintage car and wants to see the looks on people's faces

when they see it's been "converted" to electric.

One has to admire the man's chutzpah for even thinking of it. Sneaky? For sure. Still...His is a cheap solution to a personal challenge. Mine though is more warped.

As the debate rages over the alternate route for trucks around our downtown, I believe there is a relatively simple, inexpensive, civic-minded, and even income-generating solution.

Tolls.

This publication, it's illustrious mogul of an owner and staff of one have indeed been all over the highway 412/418 tolls. So it wouldn't be a surprise for someone to wonder why we'd consider adding a toll booth in Brooklin. Before you jump

all over the notion, consider the idea.

We erect a toll booth at the northern end of Baldwin, around, say, the Columbus intersection. Keep in mind this will be a temporary solution till there's such a hue and cry from trucking companies that they will push for a more reasonable and cheaper one. With Brooklin Concrete on the verge of shutting down, we use some of their cement blocks for traffic calming to force vehicles to snake their way from Carnwith to Columbus. And, heading south as well, to slow down going past Brooklin High and into the core.

This will lessen the burden of what the company needs to remove from its site, hence the civic-minded piece of the solution.

The tolls needn't be burdensome, just annoying. Perhaps \$50 per trip for trucks. Durham Region residents

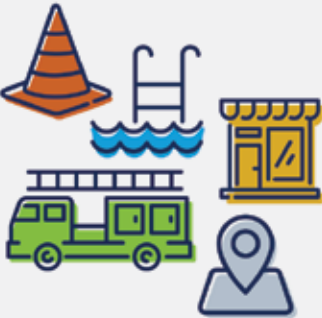
and businesses would be issued transponders for free passage, much like how waste management bins are supplied. Lose your transponder and you buy a new one.

Given that Baldwin is a provincial road, which has made the entire issue more complex, we could have an agreement with the province to share toll proceeds. With a little creativity, those monies could go towards reducing the 412 tolls and perhaps even eliminating them.

There's more. We ask the province to allow advertising to be painted or placed on the aforementioned cement blocks, again with the dough shared between the province and the town.


My guess is that this might be a bit more complex to accomplish than the magnetic EV decal. But hey, you don't try, you don't get.

What You Need To Know This Week:



2022 Budget Target
Council has approved a budget target of 2 per cent increase or an estimated 0.7 per cent increase on the overall residential bill for Town services. This means an increase of approximately 11 cents per day, per household for the delivery of important services residents rely on every day, like waste collection, snow clearing and parks maintenance. Learn more and share your feedback at connectwhitby.ca/Budget


Stay Active This Winter
Looking to register yourself or a family member for a program like swimming classes, basketball or 55+ art classes? Browse ACTIVE Net and create a Wish List now so you're ready for registration day on December 1 at 9 a.m. Sessions start January 10. whitby.ca/GetActive




Durham Regional Police Service Food And Toy Drive
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What To Expect After A Snowfall
Wondering when your street will be plowed after a snowfall? Use the "Find My Street" tool to learn more about how soon after a snowfall Whitby roads will be cleared. whitby.ca/Snow



Get Ready To Lace Up Your Skates
The Town's indoor arenas at Iroquois Park Sports Centre and McKinney Centre are now open for skating and ice sports. See full schedule information at whitby.ca/Skating



Plant-Based Eating by Sheree Nicholson



Knowledge sources

There was a time when being plant-based was a lot harder than it is today. However, in recent years, there has been a considerable rise in interest, acceptance and adoption of this lifestyle.

When I first made the switch to being vegan, I was constantly asked how I got my protein. But I haven't been asked that in a long time. Initially, you may find making the change challenging so go at your own pace. It gets easier. I found what helped me was finding "my people," those with similar interests.

I'm into fitness and love to trail run, so I initially was drawn into the lifestyle by Canadian triathlete Brandon Brazier, the creator of the plant-based product line called Vega. I also follow the No Meat Athlete and Rich Roll podcasts. My concern was staying strong, being able to run trails and keeping pace with my active life.

Follow blogs and media
I also love to cook so I follow several blogs and social media pages including: Oh She Glows, The Minimalist Baker, Dreena Burton, and Sam Turnbull. These blogs have great recipes and tips. Recently, Dreena Burton's new cookbook, "Dreena's Kind Kitchen," was awarded first prize in the world's first vegan cookbook contest by the International Vegan Film Festival. Sam Turnbull's cookbook, "Fast Easy Cheap Vegan," was awarded third place in the same contest. Interesting fact, all four of these bloggers are Canadian.

A client suggested I follow podcaster Jay Shetty. In one episode he interviewed Simon Hill, who has a best-selling cookbook, "The Proof is in the Plants." I understand this book is

science-based which appeals to my logical mind. I've just ordered it and will share with you information that is new and interesting.

I also studied plant-based nutrition at Cornell University because I decided that if I was going to incorporate this lifestyle into my business, I needed to know more and be sure I was giving factual information.

So as I said, find your people to make the transition a little easier.

This recipe is my all time favourite salad dressing which I've been making for years.

Dreena's Hummus Salad Dressing - Recipe from Let Them Eat Vegan!
1/4 cup chickpeas
1/4 cup water
2 1/2 tbsp tahini
1 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 tbsp red wine vinegar
1 tsp tamari
1/2 tsp dijon mustard
2-3 tsp fresh oregano leaves (see note)
1 very small clove garlic (or 1/2 small-med)
1 – 1 1/2 tsp pure maple syrup or agave nectar (or more to taste)
1/4 tsp sea salt
Freshly ground pepper to taste
1-2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil

In a blender, puree all ingredients until smooth. Season to taste with additional salt/pepper if desired.

Note:
If you don't have fresh oregano, don't use dried. Keep the flavour more vibrant and fresher, and instead of using dried oregano, try adding a tbsp or so of chopped parsley, or a lesser amount of other fresh herbs like thyme or rosemary (1-2 tsp). Fresh herbs can be omitted, however, and this will still have good flavour.

Sheree's Hack: Freeze leftover fresh herbs for use in other recipes.

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- Whitby Farmers' Market at Night**
December 2 and 9 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.
The Farmers' Market is back for two nights of great holiday shopping at the Whitby Civic Recreation Complex lower parking lot (555 Rossland Road East). Parking available at Town Hall.

- Downtown Christmas Market | December 3 and 4**
The third-annual Downtown Whitby Christmas Market will be held on Friday, December 3 from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. and Saturday, December 4 from 12 p.m. until 10 p.m. at Celebration Square (405 Dundas Street West).
- Spot Santa | December 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
Santa Claus will be touring Whitby on a big red firetruck, visiting neighbourhoods and making stops throughout the day. If you spot him post his location on social media using the hashtag @townofwhitby #SpotSantaWhitby.
- Whitby Live – Holiday Version | December 21**
Tune in to the Town of Whitby Facebook (@TownofWhitby) page starting at 7 p.m. to watch The Doozies!
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Franca Lanteri: The Face of Courage

Franca Lanteri was six years old when she woke up one morning paralyzed on one side of her body.

In the ensuing panic any parent could empathize with, it was first thought she'd had a grand mal epileptic seizure or perhaps a stroke. A battery of tests and an MRI showed no tumor and so she was said to have been stricken with Bell's Palsy.

However, the seizures continued. Two years later, a doctor determined that in fact she did have a brain tumor, one that controls the left side of her body, and that her brain stem was damaged. It was further discovered that, while this rare type of tumor was non-cancerous and normally found in the elderly, it was also likely to be permanent.

Diseases developed

In subsequent years, Franca has developed type 2 diabetes, an inflammatory brain disease, and polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), a hormonal disorder.

Yet despite her trying medical issues, this grade 10 student at All Saints Catholic Secondary School has amazed everyone in her orbit with her positive outlook. For instance, a school-based group of females called The Riveters has thrown its support behind her as has an organization called Million Dollar Smiles, a non-profit group

that grants wishes to non-terminal kids. For The Riveters, it's the first time they've recognized one of their own in the school.

Another group, Inspire Always on Instagram created a page and story on Franca.

As Dal Lanteri, Franca's mother, explains, "Suddenly everyone is recognizing my daughter's courage through all this. There can never be enough thank-yous."

Growing up

The medical journey has included multiple and frequent trips to Sick

Kids Hospital. Through it all, however, Franca has remained upbeat. "She's had to grow up quickly," her mother says. "She looks at everything as a positive."

How positive? Franca has already planned her post

secondary route to a career in the medical field, hopefully at Sick Kids. Even with the numerous hospital visits, she did not want to miss school. Her mantra became, "I can't fail. I won't allow myself to fail." To that end, she's created an Instagram page called "Just Me" to reach out to others with similar medical challenges.

Family pressures Naturally, there's been a strain on this Brooklin

family with Dad Enzo working nights and Franca's brother Paolo, a grade seven student at St. Bridget's, having to endure the roller coaster of emotions of seeing his big sister ill. But Franca, who her mother says is a social butterfly, is dealing with the problems by engaging in school activities like drama and even joining the in-house Riveters group which has shown her such kindness.

Meanwhile, word has it the Million Dollar Smiles organization is planning a surprise for Franca in the near future. It will be yet another on Dal Lanteri's list of thank yous, while Franca is likely to accept it in the same spirit she's accepted everything else: with smiles and a determination to forge on.



(left to right) Franca, Paolo, Dal, Enzo



Franca is tested at Sick Kids for diabetes

Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe Crossword

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Across

- 1 Ancient colonnade
5 Owns
8 Perpendicular

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- Achilles, e.g.
14 Fraternal fellows
16 Old Toyota
17 Impersonator

Down

- 1 A medieval oboe
2 Home on the range
3 Companion of Artemis
4 Relating to the aorta
5 Daughter of Zeus

- 18 Can of worms?
19 Hiding place
20 Tanned and coarsened from being outdoors
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24 Bobby of hockey
25 Driver's lic. and others
28 Serious music performed by a small group of musicians
33 "Spy vs. Spy" magazine
36 Criticize, slangily
37 Spine line
38 Barnstormed
41 Citrus drink
42 Certain meter reader
43 Beer holder
44 Kind of line
45 Misspeak
49 "Aladdin" prince
50 Item in a bucket
51 Beyond the fringe
55 Type of expressions
60 Make a cat-like sound
62 Bounce back, in a way
63 Baseball stats
64 Santa's reindeer, e.g.
65 Omit
66 "Scream" star Campbell
67 Cigs
68 "Help!"
69 Barbara of "I Dream of Jeannie"

- 6 Banned apple spray
7 Bicycle-type frames attached to skis
8 "Check this out!"
9 Vermeer's "Woman With a ____"
10 A later sacred text of Hinduism of a mystical nature
11 "____ Doubtfire"
12 "____, humbug!"
15 Cordwood measure
21 "A likely story!"
22 Call before a court
26 Electron tube
27 Turn in?
29 A benign epithelial tumour
30 Prefix with night or day
31 Close-mouthed
32 Arapaho foe
33 Molten rock in the earth's crust
34 Be of use to
35 Squander
39 Increase, with "up"
40 Driveway material
41 Romanian monetary unit
43 Russian monetary unit
46 Honkers
47 Bill's partner in love
48 City south of Salem
52 Bushed
53 Steal goods; take as spoils
54 Big Bertha's birthplace
56 Worked the soil
57 Dead-end jobs
58 Birthplace of seven U.S. presidents
59 Cuts off
60 Do some yard work
61 "Rocks"

Our First Arena

By Jennifer Hudgins



The construction of Brooklin’s first indoor arena, where generations of kids learned to skate as well as play hockey and lacrosse, was spearheaded by Dr. John McKinney in 1948. He formed the Township of Whitby War Memorial Committee to erect a structure in memory of Brooklin’s fallen heroes.

While the completed building was valued at \$50,000, the actual cost to build it was closer to \$25,000, all of it raised through a co-operative community effort. The majority of work was done by residents who volunteered their time and materials. For six weeks, Work Bees, as they were called, of 40-50 men worked on the project every day

but Sunday while women provided them picnic suppers.

Controlling costs

To keep costs down, Dr. McKinney bought two large wartime shell storehouses, at a cost of \$3,000 from the Ajax munitions plant, Defence Industries Limited. He, Heber Down and Joe Holdershaw signed a personal loan to buy the buildings as the committee had very little money at that time. On August 6, 1948, Brooklin residents began to dismantle the warehouses. Cattle truckers on their way from Toronto would pick up loads of lumber and transport them to the 67 Winchester Road site adjacent to the Brooklin Community Park. The electrical wiring was retained and, as nails were in short supply, volunteers spent hours salvaging them from the wood to be straightened and reused. The rusty corru-



gated steel roofs were sold and the money put into the building fund.

Excavation started in October, on Thanksgiving Monday, and the cement footings were placed in early

November. By the end of the month, 50 men had built and raised the trusses and nailed the rafters into place. With galvanized steel needed to cover the framework also in short supply, Michael Starr, the Mayor of Oshawa, found a way to get the metal and Bill Heron’s flatbed truck was used to haul it to Brooklin.

Only the carpenters were paid for their labour. These were local men who received 50 cents an hour. But, with their hearts in the work, they returned a percentage of their wages to ensure that the financial output remained at a minimum.

Completion

After eight weeks of back-breaking labour by the Brooklin community and district, the 28 by 64 metre building, with an ice surface of 23 by 53 metres, was completed. The basement was equipped with dressing rooms, toilets, a cistern and a furnace. A refreshment booth, wooden spectator seating, and the manager’s office located on the main floor became the hub in which residents would congregate.

The Brooklin Memorial arena officially opened on November 7, 1949. Over 2,000 people attended the inaugural ceremony to witness the unveiling of a building erected by a community with a desire to honour and remember the men and women who gave their lives in both world wars.

In 1972, having not met newly introduced building codes, the building was demolished. However, that same year, a new arena was built on the site and was renamed the Luther Vipond Memorial Arena.

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North Ward by Steve Lee



The Budget Target

Budget time is here so, as council's chair of finance, I want to ensure residents have all the information they need. On November 15, Town finance staff presented their budget target to Council for review and debate and to set the target budget percentage.

From June 3 to July 30, the Town engaged nearly 2,000 people in Phase One of the budget process. Feedback was collected through the Connect Whitby site (<https://connectwhitby.ca/budget>) and the Citizen Budget Tool, a budget simulator that encouraged residents to share their budget priorities and create their own ideal budget.

Early engagement
Staff also moved this year's community engagement earlier in the process to provide residents with multiple opportunities to share their priorities and inform them about each budget milestone, including the Budget Target being presented to Council.

Town staff reported they were looking at a 3.5% tax increase. They stated that Whitby residents want to see more invested in local job creation, more green spaces and

the continued revitalization of the community's downtowns. This was shown in the 2022 Budget engagement. They looked at the inflation impact to the town and services as well as the massive amount of growth that is coming to Whitby. Whitby and Brooklin are expected to grow by more than 35% in the next 10 years from approximately 140,000 residents to 190,000. This brought our finance staff to their recommendation of 3.5% as a budget target

Best target rate
Council had a lengthy debate about the numbers and the totals and what would be best as a target rate. This year's target came on the heels of last year's low budget of 1.61% which worked out to an overall impact of 0.55% on your tax bill. As well, last year there were no new staff hires which are needed to handle the growth. Also the pressures of Covid were quite heavy and town staff worked hard to make sure they found ways to still get the budget to a 0.55% overall impact on your tax bill, even with those added costs. However, a repeat of that low budget just wasn't possible with the growth and inflationary pressures on the town.

Council wants to make sure we're providing the necessary services and infrastructure residents need. We recognize Covid has been

tough for everyone and not everyone is back on their feet.

We made a unanimous decision to set a new budget target of 2.00%. Council felt this will allow us to make sure key services are provided while also recognizing that times are still very tough for people, made even more difficult with Covid. By asking for this lower Budget Target number, we can make sure we are being financially responsible with the tax dollars. It works out to an overall impact of 0.7% on your property tax bill. For the average assessed home in Whitby, this will work out to about \$3.23/month or \$39/year increase.

Note that this is also not final as it's only the budget target. Council and residents will still have an opportunity for more input when the final budget with all its details comes back in the new year for debate and vote.

Here are the budget dates and time frames:

- January 24, 2022** - Proposed Budget Available Online at www.connectwhitby.ca/budget.
- January 24 – February 9, 2022** - Virtual 2022 Budget Forum
- February 7, 2022** - Public Meeting, Budget 2022
- February 17, 2022** - Special Council Meeting – Budget 2022

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The year began with a strong economic rebound. Even though Spring's Q2 activity fell short of forecasts, it's expected that the Q3 numbers will indicate a continued direction to economic recovery. According to the Statistics Canada flash estimate, Gross Domestic Product rose 0.7% in August.

September's Retail Sales numbers showed that, even with a slight dip in early summer, sales are on the rise and are well above pre-pandemic levels. Some economists suggest the spending pause in early summer may be due to broader re-openings that shifted consumer activity toward "service" businesses like restaurants and gyms.

After the largest economic contraction since 1945 (a dip economists estimate to be approximately 5.5% of GDP), the combination of supply chain disruptions, and protracted re-opening plans in some provinces means that the economic recovery is slower. The 2021 forecast is estimated to be between 4% and 5% GDP growth. At this point, it looks as if overall GDP recovery to pre-pandemic activity levels will wait until next year.

On the bright side, forecasters anticipate that both the U.S. Federal Reserve and the Bank of Canada will maintain their low Policy Interest Rates until at least the last quarter of 2022. If the economic growth trend continues on the current path, both Central Banks are expected to begin a hike to Key Interest Rates. By 2024, the outlook is that the BofC Key Rate could reach 1.75% (up from the current 0.25%) and the U.S. Fed Benchmark Rate could eventually reach 2.0%.

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- thank you, both! - Deanna M

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