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Brooklin Takes Centre Stage – *Guys and Dolls*



By Cady Dreger

This week, we feature the extraordinary cast of Oshawa Little Theatre's *Guys and Dolls*. Since 1950, Oshawa Little Theatre (or OLT) has dazzled Durham Region with theatrical performances starring local talent. Once a year, their spotlight falls upon a cast that is too young to vote, but just old enough to bring the house down!

OLT's Youth Group is an auditioned group of kids, ages 10 to 17, comprised of Durham Region's finest (and youngest) thespians. Each Sunday, from September to June, these budding young stars rehearse in order to prepare for a two-week run of what they have all been working toward.

A number of Brooklin actors will take the stage in *Guys and Dolls*, including Marie Clarke, Siobhan Kelly, Hayden Lysecki, Eamon Stokan, and Nathan Simpson. Simpson, a former St. Leo Lion turned O'Neill performing arts student, plays leading man Sky Masterson in this classic musical.

Guys and Dolls is about a pair of infamous gamblers who bet that one of them, Sky Masterson, cannot lure a conservative girl, Sarah Brown, on date with him. Sky wins the bet, and in the process finds something in Sarah that he never would have expected. While this may make you feel a little leery about bringing the kids, Nathan assures me that the show is "family friendly and a ton of fun!"

Nathan attributes his interest in theatre to his elementary school's production of *Peter Pan*, which led to drama camps, and, ultimately, OLT. "My favourite part about this experience has been collaborating with everyone in this production," he says. "I'm excited to let people enjoy a show that so many have enjoyed in the past."

While he enjoys the process, Nathan admits that it hasn't all been smooth sailing.



Brooklin's Nathan Simpson stars as Sky Masterson in the Oshawa Little Theatre production of *Guys and Dolls*.

"People aren't always as accepting of boys in theatre as they are with girls," he says, "but forget gender roles!"

Guys and Dolls opened on May 19 at 62 Russett Avenue in Oshawa and runs until May 28. Tickets are \$15 for students or \$28 for adults, and are available online on the Oshawa Little Theatre website and at the box office.

Oshawa Little Theatre upholds a reputation for stunning its audiences and transporting them to whatever new world they create on-stage, and this production will be no different! While the performers may be pint-sized, their passion for their work matches that of any member of Mirvish Productions. At the end of the day, you receive a downtown-quality production at a small town-bargain price.

"It's a really exciting show," says Nathan about *Guys and Dolls*, "you should definitely come out and see it."

Editor's Note: Cady Dreger is a Grade 11 student in the Performing Arts Program at O'Neill C.V.I. Her love of theatre is infectious, and we're delighted to share her thoughts about the offerings of local youth theatre companies with our readers.

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Time to rethink how we talk about college



By Danielle Harder

It's that time of year. Acceptance letters have arrived and graduating high school students are making the decision about where to attend post-secondary. Will it be McMaster? What about Queen's or Western? Maybe McGill or Ottawa?

Well, what about Durham, Fleming or Loyalist, or perhaps Centennial, Humber or Fanshawe? Would you consider college for your child?

Unfortunately, many students, parents and high school teachers still do not see college as a viable option. There are long held biases against two or three-year diploma programs. Colleges are too often seen as a place for only two types of students: those interested in the trades or those without the money or grades for university. In the long term, this attitude is detrimental both to our young people and to our economy.

The biases start in high school where academic math is often referred to as "university" math, with applied math the so-called "college" equivalent. Teachers, not all but many, regularly remind students they need good marks and study habits to get into university, as though college requires none of the above. Students are also told they will need strong critical thinking, researching, and writing skills if they want to go to university. If not, well, too bad. Off to college with you.

These attitudes also come from parents who themselves may be university educated or who were sold the idea no one gets a job these days without a four-year degree. They may also harbour stereotypes, like the one about heading to college to take Underwater Basketweaving 101. It's also quite common to hear parents say their child is "smart enough" to attend university, the message clearly being they were worried their child might "only" make it to college.

Well, here's the truth. Ontario's college system is more than a viable option. Today's colleges offer a wide range of programs, everything from game development – an industry with an average salary of \$71,000 a year that also contributes \$3 billion to Canada's GDP every year – to programs such as mechanical or electrical engineering technology, both diplomas currently in hot demand on job sites across the country. Imagine walking into Honda Canada for a

\$67,000 job with full benefits and profit sharing after taking a two-year diploma. It happened to at least one local college grad this year. There are programs in everything from health sciences to horticulture and agriculture, 3D manufacturing, IT, design, media, and, yes, skilled trades, and more.

According to the Council of Ontario Universities, university graduates have higher lifetime earnings than college grads. Well, here's another truth. Many of those university graduates take college programs following their degree to get the hands-on skills they need to find work. As well, Colleges Ontario reports 84 per cent of college graduates find secure jobs within six months of graduation.

But this is not about university versus college. It's about allowing young people to find their fit. What are they passionate about? What career will inspire them to innovate, to challenge themselves, to take the risks that will enhance and grow the Canadian economy? What are they ready for now? For some young people, their passion can only be achieved through a university education. For others, they will find the same career and life satisfaction with a two or three-year diploma. Still others may start with a diploma (and a job) then enhance their education through a university bridge program later in their career. It's unlikely any post-secondary grad today – university or college – will ever truly be finished learning. Today's economy will always demand new skills.

A recent poll by the recruitment firm Hays Canada found 47 per cent of Canadians were unhappy in their jobs. Study after study has shown the most productive employees are those who are satisfied with their jobs. At the same time, student debt continues to climb and there's much hand wringing about the rising cost of education.

So it's time to end the snobbery around getting a university education, especially with the language used in the classroom, in guidance offices and at home. Let's let young people explore all of their options and not pigeon hole them because of our own biases and misconceptions. Let's encourage them to find the path they want and not get wrapped up in where that path starts – or what our neighbours will think when they ask, "So where is your son or daughter headed this fall?"

Editor's Note: Danielle Harder teaches in the journalism program at Durham College. She is a graduate of the University of Regina. Although she holds a B.A., she is a strong advocate of colleges based on the success she sees with her own students. Her husband is also a proud Algonquin College grad whose diploma has led him to work as a videographer at many of CBC Television's top programs, including Marketplace and Fifth Estate.

Our Brooklin Kids:

Life with a spirited child

By Leanne Brown

At a birthday party, the host makes nametags for all the kids based on the list given to them by the birthday girl's parent. The child looks at the nametag he is given. It does not have his name written the way he wants. The child politely asks the host to correct it, and, when the host doesn't listen, he runs away and will not participate until it's corrected. And while the parents around



me look at this as over-reacting, I see it differently. Because I'm the parent of a spirited child.

What these parents don't realize is that the child sees this error as a personal injustice that needs to be fixed; a typical reaction of a spirited child.

I knew I had a unique child from the get-go when, at early play groups, my daughter always seemed to on the move. She was vocal, she was loud and would stand in my lap and just jump and jump. These days, she always does things her own way and likes to stand out...on her terms.

First, let's clear things up. Spirited children are NOT children with a developmental disorder. They are normal kids with limitless energy and an astoundingly strong will. In fact, 15 percent of children are considered Spirited. Spirited children are the ones who don't seem to fit into the 'norm' with other kids - the ones with the loud voices, constantly moving bodies, and emotions like roller-coasters. Spirited kids have big, passionate feelings and live life to the fullest. They are simply more - more intense, more persistent, more emotional, and more energetic.

Here's what parents of spirited kids know.

Other parents constantly question your child's behaviour and your parenting skills. ADHD? Too much sugar? Try sticker charts? "Here's how I do it because my kid is so quiet and calm." Yes, we have already tried that.

Spirited kids don't sleep. Nothing settles them because their will is stronger than their need for rest. They are often awake in the middle of the night planning or building LEGO.

They want to do it all. A spirited child will want to do 20 things at once and all by themselves. Offers to help are met with resistance because they believe they're masters of every craft, and it's their life's mission to prove it.

Their perseverance is legendary. The spirited child will negotiate for what she wants and back up her position with facts. These kids will stop at nothing to get what they want. They get committed to ideas and may argue points long after an issue is settled.

Their emotions are extreme. They are very social and very perceptive of the moods of others. They love being in a large group but can be easily overstimulated. One minute they are leading the charge, but suddenly they will need time alone. Many will move away from the group temporarily to self-regulate which is confusing for their peers, especially when peers follow and the spirited child lashes out due to stress.

They have a difficult time with transition. This is the kid who never wants to leave playdates. They need time to adjust. Spirited children's parents know to have another activity lined up so there is something else to motivate them to leave.

They test the limits over and over. These kids feel their integrity is compromised if they're forced to comply. It has to be their choice. They want desperately to be "in charge", and will sometimes put their desire to "be right" above everything else. They're often driven to extreme and individual sports as these allow them to challenge limits without others holding them back.

Trust me, raising a spirited child often turns into a daily tug-of-war. My daughter amazes me with the stuff she can do daily. But she can be really hard to parent. Us parents of spirited kids often feel stressed as other parents chat happily while we "deal" with our kids. We feel drained, tied down, resentful, frustrated. We often lack self-confidence in our parenting skills. We feel defensive, judged, and isolated.

Most of the time I feel like I'm doing it wrong. The parenting techniques that are supposed to work with kids — that do work with most kids — don't work with spirited kids. Do spirited kids ever outgrow this? No. But they do learn to handle it better with strategic parenting. My daughter can really push me to the limit sometimes, but, at the same time, I have a child who is dynamic and wants to explore and meet people and who isn't afraid to take risks. My daughter has acquired many coping skills over the last year. And we have found some activities to positively channel her energy and allow her to challenge limits.

To the other Spirited parents out there: We know someday our kids will gain control over that intense energy. Till then, our patience will serve us well. Remember, spirited kids are the ones who become terrific, self-motivated young adults who go after what they want and avoid peer pressure. These are the kids who will break the mold, lead us charging into the future, and bring the rest of us along for the ride...assuming we can keep up with them.

Mayor Don Mitchell – We just need to be bold

On Wednesday, May 11, Whitby Mayor Don Mitchell addressed business and community leaders at the Whitby Chamber of Commerce Annual Mayor's Luncheon, held at Royal Ashburn Golf Club.

The Mayor's speech highlighted trends, opportunities and external forces and challenges for the Town of Whitby.

"The Town will be getting much bigger," he said, "but Council's job is to get better. Growth can mean two things – either a high density suburb or a smart urban town."

Mayor Mitchell explained that Council is not about care taking. Instead, "it wants to be bold," he said, adding that if Council sees "an exciting, bold, transformative proposal that aligns with our vision and goals – and we are told that it does not conform to our rules – we would rather change the rules. We want to embrace the opportunity fully."

Mayor Mitchell emphasized that Whitby is a spectacular place to raise a family – safe and clean with great services and parks and

recreation. The public focus going forward is to make neighbourhoods strong, walkable, bikeable, transit friendly, traffic calmed, and with a heart. He spoke about surprising, delighting, and exceeding expectations.

"If you can do anything great anywhere, we can do it here. We just need to be bold," he reiterated.

Mayor Mitchell addressed the importance of downtowns. Whitby has two heritage downtowns (Whitby & Brooklin) and a future downtown in Port Whitby.

The Mayor stated, "A great downtown is the heart of a great town. That's why Whitby needs to own and control all our downtown streets."

This is why the Town of Whitby is pushing to control Baldwin Street, he explained, adding, "that's why we must retain ownership of Dundas Street through downtown Whitby. That's why we need Brock Street through Port Whitby. The downtown heart is uniquely and wholly local."



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Meet the Candidates!

Office of Town Councillor - North Ward One By-Election

At its meeting held on March 29, 2016, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitby passed By-law # 7118-16 to call a by-election for the Office of Town Councillor - North Ward One to be held on June 16, 2016. Council also passed By-law # 7119-16 authorizing the use of internet and telephone voting as the alternative voting method for the by-election.

Electors in the Town of Whitby will be able to vote online or by telephone anytime during the established voting period,

commencing on **June 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** and ending on **June 16, 2016 at 8:00 pm.** During this voting period, the Town will also establish a Voter Help Line and Voter Assistance Centres in the North Ward One where Election Officials will be available to answer any questions and assist electors with the voting process.

Questions about the North Ward One by-election can be directed to the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4315 or by email at elections@whitby.ca. Additional information

is available on the Town of Whitby's website at whitby.ca.

The Brooklin Town Crier invited all registered candidates in the North Ward One By-Election to share a 200-word statement, a photo of themselves, and contact information for publication in this issue. The statements below are published as they were submitted and have not been edited beyond the application of a consistent font.



Sameena Asghar

Friends and Neighbours, I'm excited to be going through this process with you once again. In this election, I'm counting on you to vote for experienced leadership. I haven't just been watching the news in our town, I've been helping make it. My credentials, background and qualifications uniquely position me to serve our ward. I have a Masters of Business Administration and I am a successful entrepreneur. I've worked in the financial sector and in banking. I was appointed by Town Council to serve on the Downtown Brooklin Development Steering Committee to help guide our village's growth. We need a progressive and well informed plan

for our town. We need to balance our tax rates against our development. We need someone with a good business sense and with experience in public leadership. I'm counting on you to vote for someone who can represent you on council with your interests at heart. You're eager for results, I'm eager to work. Visit sameena.ca for more information or email me at sameena.asghar@gmail.com.

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Rhonda Mulcahy

Growth in the Brooklin is inevitable. We want our community to have a "small town feel", but we need to be realistic that it will not be a small town in the end.

We will need infrastructure and solid planning - a proactive approach rather than a reactive fix.

Along the way, we need to create a community that industries desire to relocate to. Employment lands along the 407 will offer space, but we also need to make sure our community is as attractive as possible.

A pedestrian-friendly downtown with bustling shops and a community at large that is well serviced with emergency services and facilities - Brooklin needs to be the place people want to live, work and play.

As a lifelong resident of Brooklin, a home owner and a tax payer, I understand the challenges. As a parent of three grown children, I have the time to dedicate as your Ward Councillor. And as the Publisher of the *Brooklin Town Crier*, I have the experience at Town Hall to get the job done. I understand what the job is, and I will be the most accessible and dedicated councillor you will ever vote for.

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Ron Lane

With over 20 years' experience in infrastructure construction and my current role in Corporate Training at Durham College, I would strengthen Whitby's Council, who's backgrounds include finance, business, education and health-care. My knowledge will aid Council in navigating the rapid growth in North Ward to ensure we learn from similar challenges experienced by neighbouring communities' who have grown before us. We need to preserve the best of our past while promoting innovative ideas for our future. My vision includes smart, careful development that benefits taxpayers first, while expecting the most from developers; upgrading infrastructure before approving more homes; to

monitoring impact on the community and implementing solutions to increase safety and connectivity; and to putting an actionable plan together with the Region for attracting best-in-class industries that will create an abundant local job market relevant to our residents and graduating students. This will also expand Whitby's tax revenue base beyond the backs of homeowners and small local business owners. While my vision complements Council's existing priorities, my experience would be an asset to them and the electors of North Ward to triumph over these challenges. I am dedicated to working for us.

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Christian Pritchard

Christian Pritchard is excited to be running for North Ward One Councillor. Christian has lived and worked in Durham Region for almost 20 years. He and his family have resided in Brooklin since 2003. Like a lot of you Christian and his wife chose to live in Brooklin and have since had a family to raise in this community. Brooklin has been an incredible investment for his family. The value of real estate has tremendous so we all need to protect that investment.

How can Christian help make the North Ward better? By listening to residents' concerns about property taxes, development and infrastructure, by helping get new business and jobs, working on community safety, and most importantly letting the North Ward be heard at town council. Communication is the key. Christian has spent his entire career in service and communication locally and internationally. You have seen Christian on Canada AM, Breakfast Television, CBC's Steven and Chris and heard him on NEWSTALK 1010. Christian's business background as a Chef, in broadcasting and culinary tourism is all about working and listening to people. Our history is being built. Vote Christian Pritchard to effectively communicate and deliver what is needed for our community.

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Keith McCaughley

Why do I want to be North Ward councillor? Brooklin is experiencing rapid growth as a desirable community to live, work and play. I'll be a strong voice to ensure we sustain this growth in a manner that preserves and enhances our heritage character, while engaging residents in the thoughtful planning and development of future business, residential and public spaces.

What do I think is the biggest issue facing North Ward residents, and what would you do to address it? I believe there are a number of critical issues to be addressed: **Community Engagement:** Ensuring residents are engaged in Whitby-Brooklin future development through consultation such as local Town Halls and Online forums.

Managed Growth: Preserving and enhancing Brooklin's unique character through strong heritage development standards. Ensure a livable, pedestrian-friendly community with great parks, trails and public spaces.

Fiscal Responsibility and Innovation: Whitby tax rates are the third highest of 27 GTA municipalities! We need to use innovation and new technologies to reduce municipal costs, and forge a long overdue economic development plan to attract new commercial enterprise.

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Nathan Staneland

Some of you may know me as the owner of Headstart Hockey, a local hockey school for three to eight year olds. I started my hockey school while attending U.O.I.T. six years ago with my wife (Carrie Misselbrook) and since Headstart's inception, I have had the pleasure of employing some of our community's high school students and helping the young children of Brooklin and Whitby grow on and off the ice.

I am also a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CA.) I am the qualified choice to analyze how our tax dollars are being spent, and where they could be put to better use. Rather than increasing taxes, let's make the most of what we already have!

I think it is time that we start proactively planning and preparing for the continued growth in the North Ward. While growth is inevitable, we have a voice in how these changes are managed. If elected, I will advocate for the growth of local businesses, better infrastructure to support a growing community, and better support of first responders.

On June 9-16, I ask that you **vote Nathan Staneland**, and allow me the privilege of representing you and your family as North Ward One Councillor.

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What is Your Brave?

Online project asks for stories of courage and bravery



By Barbara Howe

Nelson Mandela once said, "Courage is not the absence of fear; it's inspiring others to move beyond it." Alexandria Durrell took this belief and created a social media project which has galvanized members of the online community to reveal their personal heroism.

Initially, Durrell asked her Facebook friends to share what brave things they had done. As the inspirational and very personal stories poured in, she launched the online project *Show Me Your Brave* to share their accomplishments and to encourage others.

Since then, the Brooklin mother of two has opened the project up to the general public. She poses this question on Facebook, "What is the bravest, scariest, or most intimidating thing you have ever done?" Durrell was amazed how willing people were to share their challenges and stories of their own bravery.

"I found them inspiring, and I started sharing them because they make me feel good," she says.

The stories can be found on Durrell's blog (showmeyourbrave.com), and anyone is welcome to submit their own bravest moment. According to the site, "The idea of the project is to share stories of everyday bravery and human resilience to bring us closer together."

Durrell says most people prefer anonymity. However, the author of the most recent post insisted her name be publicized.

It is Tilley Creary's story, whose son was recently diagnosed with autism. The story reveals her innermost thoughts and fears of how her child will grow up. She talks of the guilt she feels in case she contributed to his condition and her worries of what may be in store for him in the future. However, she professes her unflinching love for him and her determination to keep her brave face on to fight for his cause.

Durrell says everyone has their own idea of bravery. For one person, it may be running a marathon for the first time. For another, it could be holding their dying mother's hand.



Alexandria Durrell, at home with family pet Toonie, launched an online site called, 'Show Me Your Brave.' The site encourages people to submit their stories of bravery, no matter how small they might seem. photo by Barbara Howe/BTC

"I would love more people to read the stories," said Durrell. "Nobody walks away feeling bad; they're just so uplifting."

Readers are also encouraged to comment on stories they read on the blog. After reading the story of a bride, who was left jilted at the altar and was courageous enough to invite the 200 guests to stay for the evening reception with her as a sign of 'solidarity', one woman was so thankful for the post that she responded to say the story resonated with her and changed her life.

"It's an honour to have these stories shared with me," says Durrell. "It gives people a connection to other people through reading their stories."

She says this is especially true in a society where everyone has busy lives, and texting on the run is the only interaction people have time for.

"We are incredibly disconnected as people," she says. "It is so important to generate empathy, and, despite being online, it really gives them a connection to someone else."

Looking to the future, Durrell has been approached to collate the stories into a book. "I feel like it would make a really nice motivational book," she says.

Meanwhile, Durrell is happy being entrusted as the curator of these tales of empowerment. She hopes the more people who read these words of strength, the more people will be inspired by them, and grow confident in their own achievements. To say nothing of being inspired to contribute their own act of bravery to the project.

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2016 Brooklin Spring Fair

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Welcome to the Fair!

2016 President's Message



2016 brings us into our 105th year of the Brooklin Spring Fair. This year, you will notice some new events, along with some of our traditional events as our volunteers pull together to keep our fair

as exciting as ever. Our fair is one that brings all the best aspects of country and agriculture to our community to enjoy.

When you step inside our gates this year, you will be mesmerized by the many activities, competitions and displays to match all sorts of interests at every corner of our fair. From our great local bands, our demolition derby and tractor pull and our new event this year, a Monster Truck show, to close out the fair on Sunday, you will be sure to have a great time!

Don't forget to come and support the horse and pony shows, along with the beef cattle, poultry, sheep/goat and rabbit competitions in AGRI-LAND! These are only a few things that are part of the excitement

that is offered, so come and take a look inside to find yourself captivated by the magic that is our fair.

Our fair...is your fair, and it is organized and supported by a very dedicated team of volunteers, directors and local business sponsors. We thank every person who has contributed to make the Brooklin Spring Fair a success. I'd like to personally thank our Municipality and Police and Fire Department for their support year after year.

As you wander through the arena and midway, watching the events and enjoying the sights, sounds and smells, seeing friends, neighbours, old friends or even as friendly competitors and spectators, we hope that you will once again enjoy your Brooklin Spring Fair experience.

Sincerely,

Ron Grandy, President
2016 Brooklin Agricultural Society

This Guide to the Brooklin Spring Fair brought to you by:



Admission Prices

Adults, Seniors & Students **\$10 each** (13-18)

Children (5-12) **\$5 each**

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Family Day Pass **\$25**
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Friday ~ 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm

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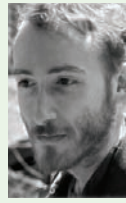
Have a wonderful weekend at the 105th Brooklin Spring Fair!

It is an honour to represent the residents of Brooklin at Regional Council.

Derrick Glead
Regional Councillor
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Wagon Wheels and Ferris Wheels – A Fitting Theme



by Bradley McIlwain

It's a bird...it's a plane... it's the whole excitement, it's what you see when you drive by. Every year, my kids go on the Ferris wheel and wave at me from the top," says Bonnie Thompson, who came up with the theme Wagon Wheels and Ferris Wheels for the 105th Brooklin Spring Fair.

"When you think about the Ferris wheel, you think about all the wheels and farms in the area," Thompson says, which inspired the theme.

"When I was younger, I was big into horses and took riding lessons once a week at Dreamcrest Stables. The farrier was there, sometimes, and shod horses at a summer day camp. I was

Thompson, who attended the Fair as a child and every year since her late teens, says, "when I was younger, I really liked the rides and the parade. I can remember eating cotton candy and looking at the Homecrafts. Now, I love to watch my kids enjoying the whole fair."



Thompson's children love being involved in the Fair. Her son Nathan is excited to be part of the parade with Cubs, and, last year, her daughter Katelyn took part in the Junior Talents Competition for Grades 1-2, and she wants to participate again this year.

fascinated by how they shaped them. Now, when I think about the Fair, I love watching the Farrier Competition. There's nothing else quite like it."

The Ferris wheel is iconic. "It's part of our logo and our heritage," says Marilyn Hill, who chairs the Spring Fair's Sponsorship Program. The Fair's current logo, which incorporates the Ferris wheel, was designed in November 1985 by 19-year-old Henry Zaluski, a George Brown College Graphic Artist student from Oshawa.

Zaluski received a \$100 for his winning logo design, which was selected out of 19 entries. "We started our partnership with Albion Amusement's in 1985. The theme of the Fair that year was 'Year of the Youth'," Hill says. "The Mulligan Ferris Wheel made its debut for our 100th Anniversary," she added. "Everyone can relate to it, because it's a very familiar symbol."

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By Bradley McIlwain

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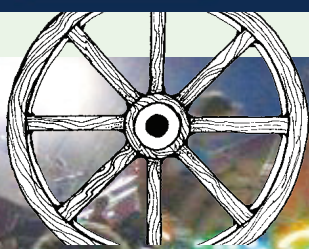
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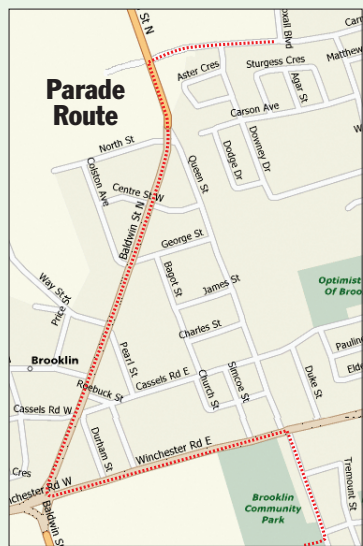
Brooklin Spring Fair Parade

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Saturday, June 4th

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Parade presented by



Theme "Ferris Wheels and Wagon Wheels"

Come join in on the fun! Enjoy bands, dancers, Shriners, animals & horses, schools, local groups & businesses as we all celebrate this long tradition in Brooklin.

We invite the children of Brooklin to be in the parade - Any child from 0-13 can enter - Wear a costume, decorate your bike/scooter or wagon in the parade theme. Win prizes!

Needed: Clowns, jugglers & other colourful characters!

Visit the fair website for more details
www.brooklinspringfair.com

2015 Ambassador Message

Hello to all who attend the Brooklin Spring Fair!

My name is Rebecca English and I am honoured to greet you as the 2015 Brooklin Spring Fair Ambassador. I would like to thank everyone that came out this past year that made it such a great weekend, and so much fun. I would also like to give a big thank you to the board of directors, the volunteers, and supporters, as this would not be possible without all of these wonderful people.



Rebecca English,
2015 Brooklin
Spring Fair Ambassador

Although my year as the Ambassador is coming to an end I am excited and proud to be representing Brooklin at the Canadian National Exhibition in August of 2016 in the Ambassadors of the Fairs competition.

The Ambassador Program is an amazing program with lots of educational purposes, as well as a great time and fun memories. It has helped me to grow personally, as well as to learn more about our wonderful community!

I look forward to seeing everyone on the first weekend of June in 2016 for another great Brooklin Spring Fair!



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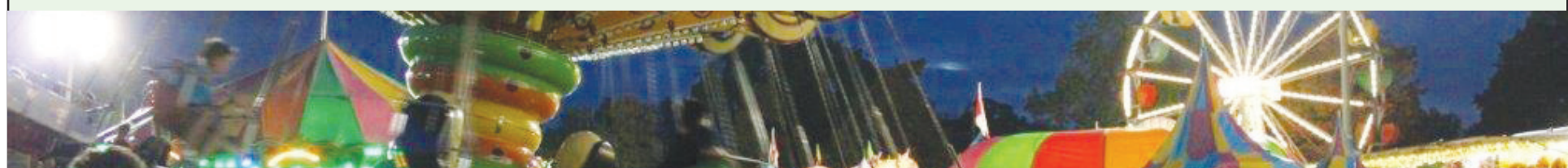
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INSIDE ARENA EVENTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

6:00 - 9:00 Open to Public - exhibits
Creative Corner & 50 Mile Market

7:00 - 7:30 Official Opening

7:30 Ambassador Competition

7:00 Paint Nite @ The Fair
*** tickets are \$45 and includes your entry to the Fair grounds for Thursday. Tickets must be purchased through the Durham Paint Nite page at: <https://paintnite.com/events/1081150.html>*

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

5:00 - 8:00 Open to Public
- exhibits & 50 Mile Market

5:00 - 7:30 Creative Corner

6:30 - 8:00 Spidey Guy

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

10:00 - 8:00 Open to Public
- exhibits & 50 Mile Market

1:00 - 2:30 The Ice Queen

12:00 - 7:30 Creative Corner

3:00 Pie Eating Contest (reg. 2:45 pm)

4:00 - 5:30 Mystery Superhero

5:15 - 7:30 Spelling Bee (registration at 4:30 pm)

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

10:00 - 3:00 Open to Public - exhibits
Creative Corner & 50 Mile Market

10:30 - 12:30 Baby Show (sign-in at 10:00 am)

12:15 - 1:45 The First Princess
***plus craft demos and wood carving demos** all weekend*

OUTSIDE EVENTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

4:00 - 7:30 Agri-land open

5:00 Midway opens
- "Twoonie Ride Night"

7:30 Demolition Derby

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

9:00 Sportpony Starsearch
Championship

11:00 Youth Equestrian Show

4:00 - 7:00 Agri-land open
(farm & field crop display after 5pm and all weekend)

4:00 Midway opens

7:00 Truck & Tractor Pull

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

9:00 Miniature Horse Show

9:00 Double Rabbit Show

10:00 - 7:00 Agri-land open

10:00 "Rumble in the Broncs"
farrier competition

10:30 Parade

10:30 Dairy Goat Show

11:00 Midway opens

12:00 Birds of Prey Demonstration

1:30 Carriage Racing Derby

1:30 Pet Show - registration 1:00 pm

2:30 & 4:30 Birds of Prey Demonstration

5:00 4-H Lawn Tractor Pull

7:00 Demolition Derby

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

10:00 - 4:00 Agri-land open

10:00 "Rumble in the Broncs"
farrier competition

10:00 Heavy & Light Horse Line Classes

11:00 Midway opens

11:00 Fleece Wool Show

11:00 Birds of Prey Demonstration

12:00 4-H Beef Show

12:00 Sheep Show & Jr. Sheep

1:00 Log & Nail Drive Contest

1:00 Jr. Beef & Beef Cattle Show

1:30 & 3:30 Birds of Prey Demonstration

1:30 - 2:10 Monster Truck Show

3:30 - 4:10 Monster Truck Show



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BROOKLIN BEAT:

Updates and Upcoming Events!



By Sue Pitchforth
Lots of great community events to update you on and how successful they were!

Group 74: Victorian Tea Success!

Group 74's 16th Annual Victorian Tea was a huge success. Thanks to the Barnes family for hosting it at their beautiful facility. Mothers, daughters, and friends of all ages enjoyed the live musical entertainment, prize table, purse auction, and, of course, the yummy goodies. Our charity of choice was the Charles H Best Diabetes Centre located right here in Brooklin. Executive Director Laura Mountjoy was on hand to speak with our attendees about the important work they do there for children and their families.

Group 74 also is proud to direct some of the proceeds of the tea to families in Alberta who lost everything in the wildfires.

5th Annual Summer Artfest - A Celebration of Everything Creative!

Join in on the creative fun in downtown Brooklin's own Grass Park on Saturday, July 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be a juried art show, vendors of all types, delicious food, live, local musical entertainment, a variety of dancers, and more! There truly is something for all ages. This year, Cassels Road will be closed by the park in order to bring you more artists and vendors. New addition this year will be a heritage and historic component to celebrate our Brooklin Heritage. More information is available at <https://www.facebook.com/Group74/>. We hope to see you there!

BAM Lions Club

This small but mighty group of dedicated people is just entering its seventh year here in Brooklin. If you are interested in helping plan any of our events and/or in joining our volunteer team, please let us know. As a local service club, we continue to look for individuals to join our club with fresh ideas and who are interested in giving back to our great community. If you would like to learn more about the BAM Lions Club, please contact us at BAMLions@gmail.com. The BAM Lions are part of the world's largest service club organization with 46,000 clubs, 200 countries, and just over 1.4 million members.

The BAM Lions' recent Adopt a Road Cleanup benefitted from some great weather. Members of our club picked up 15 bags of trash on Baldwin, south of Winchester. We look forward to our next road clean up in the fall!

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday June 4th! Brooklin Spring Fair Parade

This year's theme is "Wagon Wheels & Ferris Wheels." Be sure to bring your family downtown to get a good spot to view this year's parade, which begins at 10:30 a.m. Hope to see you there!

Library Program News - Movies this Month at the Brooklin Branch

Friday June 3, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. - Kung Fu Panda 3

Looking for something to do on the June 3 P.A. Day? Children and their caregivers are invited to a free screening of Kung Fu Panda 3.

"Continuing his "legendary adventures of awesomeness", Po must face two hugely epic, but different threats: one supernatural and the other a little closer to his home." ~IMDb.com

Closed captioning will be included. This film is rated PG according to the Ontario Film Review Board. Please note that for child under the age of 10 years, a parent/caregiver must remain in the library as per the Whitby Public Library Unattended Child Policy.

Thursday June 16, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - The Revenant

Read a Movie. Watch a Book. Join us for the Brooklin Branch Big Screen Film Club to enjoy movies that are based on books. The Brooklin Branch Film Club meets every third Thursday of the month. Adults 18+ are invited to register and join us for a free film screening and discussion. The film for this month is The Revenant. It is based on the novel of the same name by author, Michael Punke.

"In the 1820s, a frontiersman named Hugh Glass sets out on a path of vengeance against those who left him for dead after a bear mauling." ~IMDb

This film is rated 14A according to the Ontario Film Review Board. Closed captioning will be available for this film.

Registration is required for both films. Call the Brooklin Branch at 905-655-3191 or send an email to askbrooklin@whitbylibrary.on.ca to register.

Until next time,
Sue Pitchforth

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Photos from the Group 74 Victorian Tea held Mother's Day weekend.



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Normal Collection Day	Area #	Revised Collection Day			
		Organics (Green Bin)	Recycling (Blue Box)	Residual (Garbage)	Yard Waste
Mon. May 23	1	Tue. May 24	Tue. May 24	No collection	No collection
Mon. May 23	2	Tue. May 24	Tue. May 24	Tue. May 24	Tue. May 24
Tue. May 24	3	Wed. May 25	Wed. May 25	No collection	No collection
Tue. May 24	4	Wed. May 25	Wed. May 25	Wed. May 25	Wed. May 25
Wed. May 25	5	Thu. May 26	Thu. May 26	No collection	No collection
Wed. May 25	6	Thu. May 26	Thu. May 26	Thu. May 26	Thu. May 26
Thu. May 26	7	Fri. May 27	Fri. May 27	No collection	No collection
Thu. May 26	8	Fri. May 27	Fri. May 27	Fri. May 27	Fri. May 27
Fri. May 27	9	Sat. May 28	Sat. May 28	No collection	No collection
Fri. May 27	10	Sat. May 28	Sat. May 28	Sat. May 28	Sat. May 28

Please remember to set waste out by **7:00 a.m.** on your revised collection day.



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Inside the Ropes 2016 - Growing the Game 2016 Junior Golf



By Dave Castellani

Golf has now been officially designated as a new entry for the 2016 Olympic Summer Games. This exciting news has changed the landscape for the future development of golf in Canada.

A new partnership of three principal groups in Ontario has been formed under the banner of Golf Canada. Golf Canada, Golf Association of Ontario and PGA of Canada have joined forces to create the Long Term Player Development Program, establishing a framework from the grassroots level through to a high performance player stage.

Golf Canada will now take on a similar structure to Hockey Canada, Swim Canada, Basketball Canada and Tennis Canada, creating specific coaching for all levels of the game.

The golf industry has never lost sight that young junior golfers are the lifeblood for the growth of the game, and we now have a partnership and the tools to establish an ideal building block for the future.

Many courses offer junior clinics and weekly camps along with user-friendly forward tees and scorecards. At Royal Ashburn, we have taken a proactive role, initiating a "Family Day" program for both parents and juniors to participate together. This is a great way to get the whole family interested in the game.

For any parent who may have an aspiring junior golfer, I would suggest you enquire at golf facilities in your area or go to the CN Future Links website for additional information (www.cnfuturelinks.com).

Editor's Note: Dave Castellani is the Director of Instruction at the Royal Ashburn Golf Club. If you have any ideas for future articles or questions for Dave, please email him at dcastellan@royalashburngolfclub.com.

sides

By Sarah Eddenden



We go out on a Friday night to see the new Captain America movie. Drive back home through semi-darkened streets and answer questions from my daughter, specifically: On whose side would we be?

She starts with her dad.

I look out my window.

Two flags on the pole as we pass by the new high school. One red and white, the other the colours of the rainbow.

Earlier that day, after lunch, I had checked messages on my phone and then driven out of the parking lot. I'd gone past students sitting outside and my son's class was there. A number of kids including my son waved at me.

I waved back.

Later I asked him: Why were you all outside?

"We were watching them raise the gay pride flag."

I like that. Not only does the flag fly proudly, but the kids participate.

The flag of many colours. Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet. Did you know the colours each represent something? I didn't.

Red is life, orange is healing. Yellow is sunlight, green is nature. Blue is harmony, purple is spirit.

Harmony strikes me as significant.

My daughter says she sees Iron Man's need for accountability but also Cap's desire for impartial justice.

My son liked the addition of Spiderman. My husband thoroughly enjoyed Ant-Man's performance.

We pass another school, also flying the pride flag, as we head home.

I am all full of popcorn. The girl behind the counter, when I said I would like butter on top please, asked if I might like it layered. Oh so very much, yet this is the first time I have ever been asked. Enthusiastically, I said: Yes please.

As the movie was ending, I felt bloated with butter and corn.

Maybe layered wasn't such a good idea.

We drive by a third school. Two flags here too, but no pride flag on their flagpole. Instead, just Ontario and Canada.

No colours of the rainbow wave.

I look away.

There really isn't an Avenger I don't like, though Iron Man's smarminess wears on me.

There is no Thor this time, which might have made my decision of which side to choose easier. No Hulk either, and it is decided amongst my family members that Hulk would only guarantee a win, depending on whose side he took. Boring.

Our street is quiet. It has grown colder.

I left one light on, and it glows somewhere near the back of our house.

I thought Hawkeye was great fun in this one, though my daughter tells me his anger is somewhat out of character. He is more a go-with-the-flow kind of guy.

Vision really is the coolest. Shiny red and he goes through things. He's on Iron Man's side.

My daughter told me when she arrived at school that morning, she had stopped to delightedly watch the kids bring out the pride flag, begin the exercise of unfolding and attaching it to the pole in front her school. Raise it up against a most brilliant blue sky.

We arrive home.

The kids get out ahead of me, and I hand them the keys.

I feel off kilter. Not because of the movie or the butter, though when I get inside I plan on having an apple to even things out.

Unsettled.

The flag. Life healing sunlight nature harmony spirit.

Acceptance. At two of three schools.

I side with harmony.

And Steve Rogers.

We go inside.

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From the Archives... Brooklin Spring Fair Parade, c.1925

It's getting close to that time of year again - the Brooklin Spring Fair! This Whitby Archives' photograph features motorcycles cruising down Baldwin Street circa 1925 as part of the Brooklin Spring Fair. The date of the parade this year is Saturday, June 4th, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. See you there!

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Publisher's Note: Originally from Scarborough, Liz Lowe has lived in Durham Region for over twenty years and currently resides in Brooklin with her husband Anthony and their pet parrot Pebbles. In her spare time, she is an avid photographer, loves to cook, and is a passionate reader of mysteries. She is an enthusiastic (die hard) Maple Leafs fan and is a past contributor to Surfacing Magazine which showcases Durham's artistic and creative people.

Collecting Bikes for Africycle!



On Saturday, April 23, as part of Pitch-In Brooklin, volunteers from the 1st Brooklin Rangers and the 2nd Brooklin Pathfinders collected over 30 bikes for Africycle. This Uxbridge-based charity has been working in Malawi since 2005, refurbishing and selling second hand bicycles. In addition, Africycle has provided bicycles to over 400 healthcare workers and has worked to train over 600 Health Surveillance workers for the Ministry of Health in Malawi. This year, the Girl Guides also helped with the packing process for the bikes by taking them apart for the containers in the parking lot of Brooklin's Home Depot, their collection location.

- photos by Sue Moore



Community Calendar

If you have a community not for profit event you would like included in the calendar, please email it to mulcahy42@rogers.com with the subject line "calendar".

Sunday, May 22 will be the first garden tour of the summer from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Four Winds in Uxbridge. The garden tour will be hosted by Grace and Roger Inglis of Uxbridge. Directions: Take Lakeridge Road north to Reach Road, turn east to 440 Reach Street (2km east) and park on the south side of Reach Road. Sign out front "FOURWINDS". To return to Brooklin/Whitby, continue along Reach to Hwy 12 and turn right. Reach Road is busy and the suggestion is to park on the south side and not cross the road. Some parking will be available through the gate at the barn.

Saturday, May 28 Brooklin Horticultural Society's Annual Plant Sale, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Grass Park, 41 Baldwin St., Brooklin. There will be a wide variety selection of plants to choose from - popular perennials, vegetable plants, heirloom tomatoes, specialty dahlias and daylilies and small shrubs. Knowledgeable gardeners will be on site to answer your questions. Come early for the best selection. For more information, please contact Kathy at 905-430-7213 or via email at kathyallam@hotmail.ca.

Saturday, May 28 Metal, Electronics and Battery Drop-Off hosted by the 1st Brooklin Scouts, 9:00 am. to 2:00 p.m. at Blair Ridge Public School, 100 Blackfriar Avenue, and at Meadowcrest Public School, 20 Vipond Road. This is a community

fundraiser for the scouts attendance at the Finland International Jamboree this summer.

Wednesday, June 1 Meeting of 100 Women Who Care Brooklin at the Royal Ashburn Golf Club. Registration at 6:30 p.m. with meeting from 7 to 8:00 p.m. Come and see how to become 1 in 100 Women who are making a difference in our local community. Guests are always welcome. Visit www.100womenbrooklin.com or call 905-655-0651 for more information.

Thursday, June 2 Free Movie Night, 7:00 p.m. at the Whitby Central Library - screening Concussion. Register for this free event at www.whitbylibrary.on.ca/events or by contacting any branch.

Saturday, June 4 Join us at Brooklin's 4th Annual Reunion from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Brooklin Legion. Admission is free. Brooklin memorabilia, raffle for a custom made birdhouse and more.

Saturday, June 18 Car Wash Fundraiser by the Brooklin Optimist Club, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Brooklin Coin Wash on Highway 7. \$10 per car.

Mondays through Fridays Community Care Durham delivers hot or frozen meals to Brooklin residents. Meals can be ordered by contacting Karen

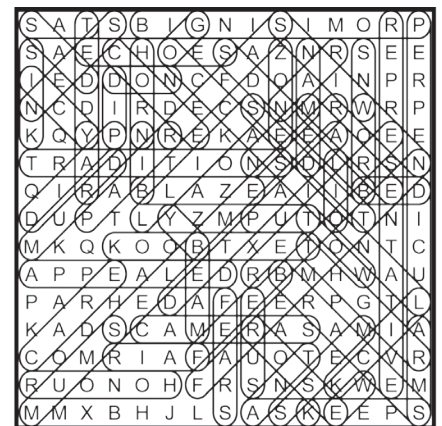
Andrews at 905-668-6223. Note that volunteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels to Brooklin residents. Please call our office at 905-668-6223, extension 223, to find out more.

Basic Foot Care Community Care Durham provides basic foot care services by registered foot care nurses on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at St. Thomas' Anglican Church. Please call 905-668-6223 for more information.

Thursday evenings Love to sing! The Brooklin United Church adult choir welcomes new voices to join us. Practices are Thursday evenings 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. You do not need to read music to be part of the choir. Practice CD's are made available. For more information, please call the church office at 905-655-4141 or by email at office@brooklinunited.ca.

Tuesdays Brooklin Toastmasters, 7:15 p.m. for Meet & Greet, Meeting from 7:20 to 9:14 p.m. at the Brooklin Community Centre & Library (NEW LOCATION), 8 Vipond Road, 2nd floor Boardroom (NW corner). For more information, contact John at 905-683-4439 or jajhi@sympatico.ca or Loran

Weston-Smyth at lorn@lornawestonsmyth.com or 416-910-4109. Brooklin Toastmasters provides a supportive and positive environment where members have the opportunity to develop their communication and leadership skills.



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In a retail environment, this means that Beacons can support consumer purchases by offering additional information on products when customers are standing in front of them, including reviews, ratings, and promotions.

Beacon technology is growing rapidly. Since Apple launched

iBeacon in 2013, there have been many articles and reports on what beacons can do for consumers, businesses, and brands. The essential part and challenge of beacons is that they need the corresponding app downloaded on the device in order to be able to transmit the information. It can be difficult to motivate a consumer to download yet another app, and, if they do, it must be worth the time and space in order to stay on their device. For that reason, the ideal beacon companion app would have to be a generic app that works with all types of shops, restaurants, service suppliers and more.



Sonja Chilcott of Scenetag

This is the thought process behind the Scenetag app, a mega app that works with Beacons, Audio and Print Recognition. Created by Brooklin resident and entrepreneur Sonja Chilcott, Scenetag can do everything from connecting a consumer to product placement in movies or TV shows, to informing them if a product is on sale from a radio or TV Commercial. The app also uses beacons to engage with shoppers at the precise time and place they are making purchasing decisions.

Enter the shops of Brooklin which have jumped at the opportunity to partner with Scenetag for a pilot program with their Beacon Technol-

ogy. "You will start to notice the Scenetag-enabled signs on your favourite shops in town," says Chilcott, "which will inform you that they are partners of program." Some of these partners include Harvest, Connie's Brooklin Village Shop, Goodberry, Brooklin Village Salon & Spa, Moksha Yoga, and Endless Ideas.

The Scenetag app can be downloaded for free at the Apple or Google Play store. Once the app is downloaded, it can be activated by either using the autotag option or manually by tapping the logo in the middle of the screen. When Scenetag is activated, it will listen to what is around you. Once it recognizes an embedded beacon or audio, it will return the corresponding results.

"For the pilot project," shares Chilcott, "we are doing a contest where you have the chance to win one of six \$25 visa gift cards just by using Scenetag while you are out and about during the Brooklin Fair Weekend."

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Brooklin is the perfect balance for many families looking for a change of pace away from the city, offering spacious, open concept homes while maintaining all of it's 19th century charm. People are drawn to Brooklin for its wonderful community spirit and public parks, as well as great sports programs for youth.

Being a firm believer in "give where you live," on May 12th, Louis Bradica participated in the Keller Williams Energy annual Red Day — helping the Oshawa Boys and Girls Club by painting the locker rooms, walls, and doors with a splash of hope, as well as cleaning windows and doing landscaping to enrich the grounds for the youth.

Currently Brooklin is seller's market. And as people looking to move to the community from West to East, prices are lower, and the homes are bigger. "With the addition of the 407, it will be beneficial to our commute," explains Louis. In addition to the new Brooklin High School (Go Bears!), plans for a new, state-of-the-art recreational facility will be a fun and safe addition the community.

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