


Updated, Stunning Townhome

Custom Kitchen, 3 Spacious Bedrooms,
Private Fenced Lot In A Beautiful North Whitby Neighbourhood.
\$499,000

Check Out YouTube Brooklinbyanne

Anne Shaddock
Sales Representative
info@housesandmore.com
Direct: **905-442-0629**



First Realty Ltd. Brokerage
905-686-3330

Visit www.housesandmore.com for fabulous homes and OPEN HOUSE TIMES

AWARD-WINNING COMPUTER SERVICE



- ✓ Performance Upgrades
- ✓ Hard Drive Health Check
- ✓ Virus Protection
- ✓ Software Sales & Updates
- ✓ Backup Solutions
- ✓ Preventative Maintenance
- ✓ Cleaning
- ✓ Surge Protection


Service & Parts for All Makes & Models Including Mac




SKYVIEWELECTRONICS.com
INSTALLATION SERVICE SALES
46 Baldwin St. Brooklin, ON
905-655-3661

Mortgage advice that will open doors.

Get the mortgage that's right for you*.
Contact me today.



Ryan Dobie
Home Financing Advisor
Brooklin Towne Centre
(905) 703-5376
ryan.doble@scotiabank.com



*Registered trademark of The Bank of Nova Scotia. *All mortgage applications are subject to meeting Scotiabank's standard credit criteria, residential mortgage standards and maximum permitted loan amounts.

Young Pianist Wins Ontario Gold



Ben Delvecchio was recently awarded the Royal Conservatory of Music's gold medal. See the story on page 4.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS BTC:

When solution met problem.....	page 2	Hollywood in Brooklin.....	page 6
From Samhain to Halloween.....	page 3	BHS wins OFSAA golf gold.....	page 7
Letting your kids roam?	page 4	Durham to test alert system	page 7
Pianist wins Ontario gold	page 4	Local businesses nominated	page 7
Former Brooklinite records album ...	page 5	Young pianist wins gold	page 8
Junior Fire Chief named.....	page 6	Transportation services review	page 8
Prepping for spring blooms.....	page 6		

INTRODUCING THE ALL-NEW 2016 MAZDA CX-9



- 310 lb of torque
- 3-row, 7 passenger
- LED headlights
- Rear climate control
- Rear view camera
- 7" display screen
- HMI Commander and more...

ALL IN PRICING STARTING AT \$37,195* +HST



WHITBY MAZDA
Customer First
5 Sunray Street, Whitby • 1-866-608-4279 • www.whitbymazda.com



* Mazda CX-9 All-In Price (GVSM86-AA00) includes freight and PDE. OTS (\$29.20), PPSA, OMVIC (\$10), Air tax (\$100), HST and licensing are extra where applicable. Dealer Trade may be necessary while quantities last. Visit Whitby Mazda or whitbymazda.com for details.

Less than Half the Picture *By Richard Bercuson*



When Solution Met Problem

Get this: The yellow "Please Slow Down" signs can no longer be distributed. The initiative taken by Councillors Steve Yamada, Chris Leahy, Michael Emm and Rhonda Mulcahy is evidently contrary to a bylaw. In case you're wondering, the bylaw reads - and I paraphrase: "No sign that might make stupid drivers get a grip and not kill someone by speeding can be displayed, especially if it's judged by the average resident as an affront to one's opinion of what is or is not ugly."

Beauty is certainly in the eyes of the beholder. I personally don't see the fuss about the Mona Lisa, however I find Picasso's Guernica brilliant. The signs weren't meant to beautify our streetscapes but rather to alert drivers of the community's concerns. In their lifespan on my street - eight within 200 metres - vehicles have indeed paid attention and slowed (except for the two young goofs in the black Honda one afternoon).

The signs would not have been my preferred solution. A greater police presence would be wonderful though impractical and exorbitant. Or, the town could erect solar-powered radar speed signs at a cost of about \$3000 apiece. They give a digital read out of your speed as you approach, suggesting that if a cop were nearby, you'd have been nailed for speeding. And if there are no police around, your guilt will still lighten the foot on the pedal. In fact, numerous studies indicate their residual effect slows traffic even after being removed. They're more practical than expecting cops to be ever present, yet costly given the number required.

Still, the councillors are to be commended for making an effort at being proactive, however artistically questionable.

Then there's the DRPS Road Watch program, as described in our Oct. 6 issue. If you see a driver doing anything you might deem illegal or dangerous, you record as much in-

formation as you can on an online DRPS form and send it. The driver will receive a warning note in the mail. A second infraction invites a visit from the constabulary. No one will know you did the deed.

The program doesn't appear to be far removed from a kind of community vigilantism, when an anonymous resident whining to bylaw about how someone parks their car results in a bylaw officer arriving at your door declaring your guilt.

Except for the odd extreme instance, which of us is qualified to determine the speed of a car or

whether some other traffic infraction has been committed?

Worse, this is a reactionary program. Even if it occasionally works, it doesn't attempt to address the speeding issue we see in Brooklin and other wards except to "deputize" the citizenry. There may be no easy, quick fix, but common sense would suggest a cheap can-do temporary approach that harms no one is worth a try.

As to those who kiboshed the endeavour, exactly how does it help the situation? Perhaps you've heard this before: If you're not part of the solution...

Donate Items On Reuse Day

The Regional Municipality of Durham, Works Department is encouraging residents to drop off reusable items, free of charge, at Reuse Days. The items will be donated to Habitat for Humanity ReStores (Ajax, Oshawa and Uxbridge locations), Diabetes Canada and the Salvation Army Thrift Store. This will be the last Reuse Day event of the year.

When: Saturday, October 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Durham Region Waste Management Centre, 4600 Garrard Road, Whitby.

Why: Reuse Days is a program to help divert quality, reusable items from the waste stream, including: clothing, textiles, furni-

ture, appliances, cabinets, countertops and most other reusable renovation materials.

Note: Only items deemed to be suitable for reuse by charities will be accepted. Garbage, household hazardous waste and electronics will not be accepted. Materials refused by charities must be removed by residents and may be disposed of at one of the Region's waste management facilities (fees may apply).

For more information on Reuse Days, including a list of acceptable items, please visit durham.ca/WasteEvents or call 1-800-667-5671. To learn more about waste management in Durham, visit durham.ca/waste or download the Durham Region Waste app.



"Proud to be a Brooklinite"

Founded in 2000

and published 24 times per year.

Editor, Richard Bercuson

613-769-8629 • editorofbrc@gmail.com

The Brooklin Town Crier is locally owned and operated and is a publication of Appletree Graphic Design Inc.

We accept advertising in good faith but do not endorse advertisers nor advertisements.

All editorial submissions are subject to editing.

For advertising information, contact: 905.655.7642

Email: yeswomanbrooklin@gmail.com

Next Issue: Friday, November 3, 2017

Deadline: Friday, October 27, 2017

Town of Whitby

October 20, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

Seniors' Activity Centre Fall Bazaar

Saturday, October 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Whitby Seniors' Activity Centre, 801 Brock Street South. Featuring handmade and crafted items.

Transportation Network Companies Community Open House

Wednesday, November 1, between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at Town Hall.

Farmers' Market

Every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until the end of October. NEW LOCATION: Celebration Square, Whitby Central Library, 405 Dundas Street West.

whitby.ca/calendar

Council Meetings

Operations Committee
October 23 at 7 p.m.

Council
October 30 at 6 p.m.

Planning and Development Committee
November 6 at 7 p.m.

These meetings will take place at Town Hall, 575 Rossland Road East. For a full listing of Town meetings, visit whitby.ca/civicweb. For more information, contact the Clerks Department at clerks@whitby.ca or 905.430.4315.

Notices

Henry Street Bridge to Open November 10

The Ministry of Transportation's replacement of Henry Street Bridge is nearly complete. The new bridge is expected to open November 10. whitby.ca/notices

News

Celebrate Local Government Week
As part of Local Government Week (October 15 to 21), the Town is helping to bring awareness to the programs and services it delivers in the community. To learn more, visit whitby.ca/localgovernment and download the free poster and colourings sheets.

Honouring Whitby Veterans

Eighty-one banners, each featuring the photo, name and service era of a local veteran or active service member, have been hung on lampposts throughout Downtown Whitby and Downtown Brooklin. The banners will remain up until November 12 in honour of Whitby's men and women who have served their country. The banners were developed through a partnership between the Town, the Brooklin and Whitby Legion Branches, and local graphic designer, Emma Inkpen.

2017 Local Government Week



whitby.ca/localgovernment

Healthy, Active Halloween Treats



Scare up an alternative to traditional treats with swimming and skating passes!

10 passes for \$10

Visit whitby.ca/recreation for details

WHITBY
ONTARIO • CANADA

More information
Phone: 905.430.4300
Email: info@whitby.ca

[@TownofWhitby](https://www.facebook.com/TownofWhitby)
whitby.ca

A Special BTC Feature

Samhain - Halloween

A celebration of, well, the dead

by Brad McIlwain

A strong wind kicks up as swirls of orange and red leaves from old maple trees whisper, and tug at my shadow — or is it something else trying to get my attention?



Pumpkins adorn porches and are lit with the magic of the season. From the corner of my eye, I spot a broomstick. Coincidence? I pass century-old homes on Baldwin Street on my way to see Sara Trimarchi at The Mystic Moon to get a deeper, more mystical sense of the tradition of Halloween, or the ancient Celtic celebration known as Samhain.

Chimes sound as I enter her shop and I inhale the smells of sage and other scents. On display are crystals, books, candles, dream catchers, rune stones, essential oils, jewelry and tarot cards as well an abundance of kindness as Sara greets me with a warm smile.

No good hats
“Halloween has been fun,” she says. “I dress up and the shop is always decorated in a spooky manner. It’s neat for people to see me in costume, but believe it or not, I’ve never dressed up as a witch. One of the reasons why is you can never find a

good witch hat. I’ll have to make my own.”

Sara started her spiritual path in her teens, wanting to learn about the ‘deeper rooted stuff.’ “It’s about the earth and healing with it, which is a big part of paganism, Celtic, and druidism. There are many different layers, stories, and realms. And different paths. We all walk a different one. That’s one of the fun things about it. People can be eclectic and makes it a lot more open to interpretation.”

Two years ago, she turned her passion and knowledge into her work. “Suddenly I had this quirky little shop in the heart of Brooklin. It’s been a lot of fun meeting the many faces of Brooklin. I want to help people and show them there’s more to discovering different religions.

“Don’t be afraid to sound silly when

Continued on page 5



“Why do I hear but not understand?”

If you struggle to understand, you’re not alone, in fact 47% of Canadians over the age of 60 have hearing loss. Your hearing difficulties could be caused by damaged hearing hair cells inside your inner ear (cochlea). When damage occurs in the high-frequency areas of the cochlea (where consonants are heard), speech may sound garbled and comprehension may become difficult. The right hearing aid could help you improve your comprehension.

FREE trial offer ends September, 29th 2017

21 Day
FREE
Trial

Hear the difference hearing aids can make. Try the latest advanced or premium digital hearing aids for 21 days, risk-free. Our hearing experts will perform a FREE hearing assessment and fit you with hearing aids suited to your loss. There’s no cost or obligation to participate.

Nationwide coverage – Over 200 locations across the country.

Call now to take the FREE hearing aid trial

- **Ajax** | 235 Bayly Street West | Call Samia at 1-855-217-8594
- **Oshawa** | 470 King Street West | Call Lyndsay or Abigail at 1-855-217-8612
- **Pickering** | 1848 Liverpool Road | Call Jennifer at 1-855-217-8617
- **Whitby** | 604 Garden Street | Call Paula at 1-855-217-8601

ListenUP!
CANADA

Referred by Physicians more than 65,000 times!

Partnered with





NIHB, VAC and Worker’s Compensation Provider

Hearing tests are provided free of charge for adults ages 18 and older. Some conditions may apply. Please see clinic for details. Offer not valid in Quebec. *CampaignForBetterHearing.org/Research. Offer expires September 29 2017.

LUC14

Promo Code
NSP-TBYB-BRTC

The Brooklin Dental Centre

NEW PATIENTS WELCOME
We offer:

- All Phases of Dentistry
- Invisalign
- Laughing Gas
- Wisdom Teeth Extraction
- Seniors Discount
- Periodontist on staff
- Kids Welcome
- Complete Smile Makeovers
- Affordable Implants



Saturday Appointments
Call for a Free Consultation

“For Long Term, Dependable Service, Give us a Call”

905.655.3385
42 Baldwin Street, Brooklin

www.brooklindentalcentre.com

Our Brooklin Kids *By Leanne Brown*



When to let your kids roam alone?

Last month, a Vancouver father, who'd spent two years training his four kids, ages seven to 11 how to safely ride the bus to school, was reported to B.C.'s Children's Ministry. Social workers put a stop to it. The incident sparked a nationwide debate about the nature of parental supervision and the government's role.

I have to be honest, I'm on the fence. On one hand, I personally would not let my child ride a Toronto bus without an adult. But I also saw his side. He felt his kids capable - two years of training, after all - and the bus did take them door to door.

Are we suffocating our kids by not letting them roam on their own? Are we hurting independence and creating nervous, needy children? Or are we just being realistic and cautious?

It's a delicate balance. We parents tread that line throughout our children's lives. When do you loosen the reins and let them do things on their own? When do you keep them close?

Stretching limits

My eight year old is constantly trying to stretch her boundaries. She wants to go places on her own.

Sleepaway camp just strengthened this desire. She's perfectly able and happy to explore neighbours' backyards and ride her bike down the street to her friend's house. We're okay with a little bit of stretch. I desperately work to strike that balance between letting her roam on her own and being responsible.

Some of her friends are starting to walk to school in groups. I struggle with this when I see children walking to and from the bus or school in our quiet suburb. While it reassures me that parents feel confident in our community's safety, it still makes me uneasy. Strangers have reportedly approached children close by.

It's easy to worry. The home renovations, delivery vans and other unrecognized vehicles that drive through my neighborhood always have me taking a second look. I know there may be convicted sex offenders living too close for comfort, but in reality they aren't all out to attach our children.

Seeking independence

But being able to roam a little teaches valuable life skills. Independence builds confidence and self-sufficiency. It also helps them to be more aware of their surroundings, which they typically don't do with parents.

Ben Delvecchio Awarded Piano Gold Medal

A grade 6 student French immersion student at St Leo's Catholic school, 11 year old Ben Delvecchio is the Ontario recipient of the Gold medal award from the Royal Conservatory of Music for his grade 6 piano and theory.

There will be a recital and awards ceremony in November. He completed his Royal Conservatory of music grade 6 piano last June and is now working on his grade

7 level. He started playing at age 6 years and has been under the tutelage of Simone Lesley of Oshawa. When he was 9, he completed his Grade 6 theory scoring 94%.

The award recognizes the highest piano and theory marks in Ontario. He has already moved on to grade 8 theory which he completed last December with a score of 93%.

My co-worker has a teen with a new driver's license. Last week she let her daughter drive the car to school. Her daughter got there safely though she also took an unauthorized lunch hour trip to the mall with friends. Mom wasn't impressed. She started to worry where else her teen would go. In the larger scheme of things, the two block detour to McDonalds wasn't a big deal. It was rather the "not telling mom" that bothered her.

I get that.

It doesn't matter what stage your children are in. At some point, you will have to let them go, even if just a little.

It's okay if this scares you. It means you're doing it right.



A Brooklin Toddler's Random Thoughts

"We have to share because mommy and daddy have two kids."

Community Calendar

If you have a community not-for-profit event you would like included in the calendar, please email it to editorofBTC@gmail.com with the subject line "calendar." Priority will be given to Brooklin events. Some editing may occur.

Sat., Oct. 21: 8 am - Noon: Hazardous Waste Drop Off in Port Perry

At municipal boat launch (parking lot), 2 Old Rail Lane, Port Perry. Free. Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) and Municipal Hazardous and Special Waste (MHSW) only.

Wed., Oct. 25: 7 - 9 pm: Brooklin Horticultural Society meeting

Speakers Gary & Diane Westlake on "Some of our Favourite Garden Mistakes". Meeting will feature "Pumpkins, Pies & Photos Show". At Brooklin United Church, 19 Cassels Road, East

Fri., Oct. 27: 4:00 - 5:00 pm (4th Friday of each month) Teen Leadership Council at Brooklin Library

Whitby Library's Brooklin Branch seeks Teen Leadership Council members to share ideas & assist with special events and programs. Grade 9-12 students earn community service hours. Snacks provided. No registration required.

For information, email teenservices@whitbylibrary.ca.

Sat., Oct. 28: 4:30 - 6:00 pm: Brooklin Zombie Walk hosted by Optimist Club of Brooklin

At Grass Park. Join the legion of the undead as we wander Brooklin in search of brains! Please bring a donation for the food bank and join in games, a zombie make-up demo, costume prizes and, of course, our walk! Pre-register at brooklinzombiewalk.com.

Sun., Oct. 29: 7 pm: Brooklin Pub Quiz Night

\$15 per person for a team of 4-8 but teams of 6 are best. Team gets a platter of wings and fries and a mug of beer. Winning team receives a \$10.00 gift certificate per person to the Brooklin Pub. All proceeds to Pulmonary Hypertension of Canada. Hints: 1. Four Freedoms 2. Cockpit of Europe

Mondays: 6:30-7 pm: French Family Storytime: Children and their caregivers can join Madame Sue for weekly French Family Storytime! A half hour of French stories and songs, with a dash of English! Drop in at Central Library's Children's Program Room

Tuesdays: 7:25 pm: Brooklin Toastmasters Club Practice public speaking at Brooklin Community Centre & Library. Contact John Johnstone at jajhj@sympatico.ca or phone 905-683-4439 or Patricia Romano at promano257@outlook.com or phone 905-626-7055.

1st & 3rd Tuesdays Community Care Durham (CCD) Basic Foot Care at St. Thomas' Anglican Church. 905-668-6779

Wednesdays, till end of Oct., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Whitby Farmers' Market in Celebration Square, Whitby Public Library, 405 Dundas Street West. Visit whitby.ca/farmersmarket for more information.

Mon.-Fri. CCD delivers hot or frozen meals. To order: Karen Andrews 905-668-6779

Looking Good, Seeing Better.



905.655.6200
www.brooklineyecare.ca

O
P
T
O
M
E
T
R
I
S
T

BROOKLIN
OPTOMETRIC
CENTRE

WORSHIP DIRECTORY

Burns Presbyterian Church

765 Myrtle Rd West
(just 4 minutes north of Brooklin)
10am Worship, Kids Zone Fun & Nursery Care
"Discovering God, Sharing God's Love"
905.655.8509 www.Burnschurch.org

St. Thomas' Anglican Church

101 Winchester Road East
Sunday Services: 8:30 and 10:30 am
Sunday School & Nursery Program (10:30am)
Wednesday 10:00 a.m.
Communion and Healing Service
905-655-3883
www.stthomasbrooklin.ca

Brooklin United Church

19 Cassels Rd. E.
Sunday Services at 10:30 am
Sunday School & Nursery Care
www.brooklinunited.ca 905-655-4141
Come catch the Spirit!

Renaissance Baptist Church of Brooklin

40 Vipond Road (Just West Of Library)
Sunday Worship & Kids Program 10:30 a.m.
905-655-4554 www.brooklinrbc.ca
We're here for Brooklin!

Continued from page 3

asking questions, performing a ritual, or speaking out about your passion!" she adds. "While there is a ton of information out there, be sure to find one way that resonates with you, and never stop learning or mastering your craft."

A besom?

I mention the broomstick I saw on my way walk. "It's called a besom, which is a broom. It's a symbol of cleaning negativity, and clearing any dust that has settled, physically and metaphorically. It's almost another form of smudging, without the sage."

As the days shorten, shadows become thicker, and foliage sheds its last bits of colour, we become more sombre, marking the end of the summer. Traditionally, it was a time when people would reap their last harvest, symbolizing the doorway between the season of life and death.

"Halloween to me is Samhain, which is a celebration of the dead, the final harvest, and naturally the welcoming of the darker season. It is also a time to look at the year that has passed, and reflect," says Sara. "It's also a time when the veil between

worlds becomes thinner, allowing us to interact in a more meaningful way with spirit. As a practicing pagan, it's important because we can take a moment out of the busy world to not only honour, but to also speak with our ancestors.

Learn about ancestors

"That can be as simple as lighting a candle and saying a prayer. You don't need to be a practicing pagan or witch to celebrate," she adds. "People have different traditions. You can sit down with your family and learn about your ancestors and honour them. You can also do seasonal decorating with your family or go for a walk and see how the season is physically changing your community."

Jack-O-Lanterns also play a special role for spirits during Samhain, offering a light to help guide their path. It's something Sara thought about, even when she went trick-or-treating as a child, "I'm thinking of all these spirits walking around with me, and seeing the Jack-O-Lanterns. Almost everyone on the street had one back then. It seemed more magical."

The Celtic festival of Samhain was

celebrated up until the 7th century when November 1st was officially All Saints Day. The mass that was said was All Hallowmas - for all who were hallowed. The night before became known as All Hallows Eve, which would eventually become shortened to Halloween.

Connecting with loved ones

"Because of that, we get a chance to honour them in a timely fashion because the veil is thinned, and due to that, it's a time when we feel a strong bond with our ancestors. In the past, the tradition of creating that connection with our loved ones was simple, and rooted in humble beginnings."

They'd create altars with fresh cut flowers, totems, and symbols representing their deceased loved ones. "What I always thought was cool was that they always set a place at the table for someone who has passed."

Each Samhain, Sara continues the tradition, creating a similar festive altar. "It's dedicated to my deceased family members, using photos or belongings of theirs."

Tarot readings

The Mystic Moon offers tarot readings with Elisha from Jaded Realms. "She's been getting good feedback. Whether you're a skeptic or a believer, you come out hearing what you needed to hear," says Sara.

Elisha has readings at the end of October and into November. To inquire about tarot readings and upcoming classes or browse the shop, there's something magical for everyone at The Mystic Moon, 51 Baldwin St. N.. You can contact Sara on Facebook, or by telephone at (289) 200-4278.

Happy Samhain!



647-302-7646
senseofspace.ca

landscape design • home organization
staging and redesign



Former Brooklinite
Recording Album

Jaime Lauren, who grew up in Brooklin and performed in Brooklin Idol at age 10 (see left photo), has recently been recording her first EP with a producer in Toronto, with her first single "Be Strong" to be released on October 24.

She was a finalist in the Brooklin Idol competition in Grass Park in 2009 and has been singing ever since. Her music will soon be available on iTunes, Apple Music, Spotify and Googleplay. She has also recently been working with a radio promotions team to have her song airing soon on popular Toronto stations.



Batteries dead? Recycle instead!

Curbside battery collection November 6 to 10 only.

Special orange labels were provided in your waste management calendar.

Simply place the orange sticker on your own zipper style bag.

Place sealed battery bag on top of your **paper blue box** on your collection day.

PAPERS ONLY
Please no containers

- ✓ Printed paper
- ✓ Newspapers, yellow books and soft cover books
- ✓ Textbooks and flims
- ✓ Brochures
- ✓ Booklets and cardstock

Maximum box weight 25 kilograms (55 pounds). Not for use on 1 day, the prior collection day.

Need stickers?
Call 1-800-667-5671 or visit durham.ca/battery



If you require this information in an accessible format, please contact the number above.

Blooming in Brooklin *By Ken Brown*

Prepping for spring blooms



It's been one strange year in the garden. For instance, the other day I picked a ripe tomato with more ripening on that vine.

Every year I plant a large trellis with a mixture of pole beans and morning glories. We ate plenty of beans in late summer but the morning glories were nowhere to be seen. While the last of the beans were recently drying out, there was an odd growth spurt and we've been enjoying the brilliant blue flowers of the morning glories ever since. Where did they spend the summer?

Blooming rose

Adjacent to that trellis is a rose bush. It's been there for a few years and never really done much. But this summer it bloomed and it now has several canes taller than me as it continues to be covered with large deep apricot blooms. It is unmistakably a David Austin rose, though I have no idea what variety. The tag is long gone. But since it's been unspectacular for a few years, I really didn't care. The long wet summer is clearly what it needed. In the future, I will be more diligent about giving it an adequate water supply.

The cool season vegetable crops I planted in sub irrigation containers in early September have proven they can also be happy in a late heat wave. We've had amazing growth and delicious results. We've finished all the kohlrabi, half the pak choi and ate the first of the Chinese (Napa) cabbage.

During the summer's bounty we do have to keep an eye on the calendar. There was a sharp taste of real autumn weather last week reminding us to take care of those necessary chores before we wake up to that fluffy white stuff.

Prep the snowblower

Now, with the lawnmower out of the shed, I need to pull out the snowblower to be sure it's in good working order. It's so much easier to work on it now than on a cold dark winter morning when I need it running. Dif-

ficult concept for an inveterate procrastinator, but I'm working on it.

That saves the best for last. I've just planted my spring garden: tulips, in their amazing array of colours; narcissus in large drifts glowing like drops of sunshine on cool damp days; those first crocus poking their bright colours through the snow; and even earlier, the little white snowdrops blooming at the receding edge of old snowdrifts. On crisp autumn days, tucking a handful of smooth shiny bulbs into the soil is one of my favourite fall activities. I love running my hands through those bulbs sitting in their boxes. They're such a promise of wonderful things to contemplate through the dark winter days.

Go to the garden centre and be dazzled by the wide array of wonderful bulbs. Read the labels, particularly the parts that tell you about their bloom times. With careful planning, you can have weeks of bloom in the spring. Plant several in the same garden so that the later types will emerge and change the garden's colour and texture as the earlier ones finish and fade. Even before your spring garden is dry enough to work in, it should be announcing that spring has arrived and that the pleasures of gardening are about to begin anew.



2017 Whitby Junior Fire Chief Announced

Whitby Fire and Emergency Services (WFES) is pleased to announce Lucas Parnam, a Grade 3 student at Brooklin Village Public School, as

the 2017 Junior Fire Chief.

Lucas was selected based on the creativity and passion he demonstrated through his contest application poster, which spoke to the importance of having working smoke alarms on every level of a home and a practiced escape plan with two exits from every room. Every Second Counts - Plan Two Ways Out is the theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week, which runs October 8 to 14.

Lucas was picked up at his school in a fire truck and driven to Fire Hall 5 for a day of Junior Fire Chief training. His training included a station tour, receiving his fire gear and using equipment including hoses and extinguishers.

In addition to participating in these activities, Lucas received a prize pack from WFES and Canadian Tire North, including a new bike. Lucas will be recognized by Town Council on Monday, October 30, and will also join Whitby firefighters at a number of community events, parades and ceremonies throughout the year.

The Junior Fire Chief for the Year Contest is generously sponsored by Whitby McDonald's and Canadian Tire North.

www.brooklintoncrier.com
905.655.7642



The Day Hollywood Came To Brooklin

Empty director's chairs, but not a star in sight. Still, it was a neat day earlier this month when Hollywood dropped in to Brooklin's Oxford Learning Centre to shoot a few scenes for the spring 2018 release of the Amazon series "The Romanoffs." Oxford's Director Trisha Dosaj could only state the location had been selected a few weeks before and that, because of a non-disclosure agreement, she couldn't say another word about it. In fact, no one could. There were rumours of a couple of bonafide actor types doing their thing inside, but no one would corroborate. Surely the series will gain a viewing audience in Brooklin if only to acknowledge some of it was done here.



FREE Consult with Dr. Cathy

New Patients Welcomed

Open Evenings & Weekends • Saturday Appointments
Monday to Thursday 8 to 8, Friday 9 to 4, Saturday 9 to 4

Dr. Catherine Hong
~ Call Today! **905.425.4205**




keep her air ducts clean



Truck Powered. No Cube Vans
www.ontarioductcleaning.ca

Proudly Associated With: 

\$30 off
Robotic Duct Cleaning
or
FREE Botanical Air Purifier (\$50 Value)
In Exchange for Non-Perishable Food Items for the Durham Food Bank

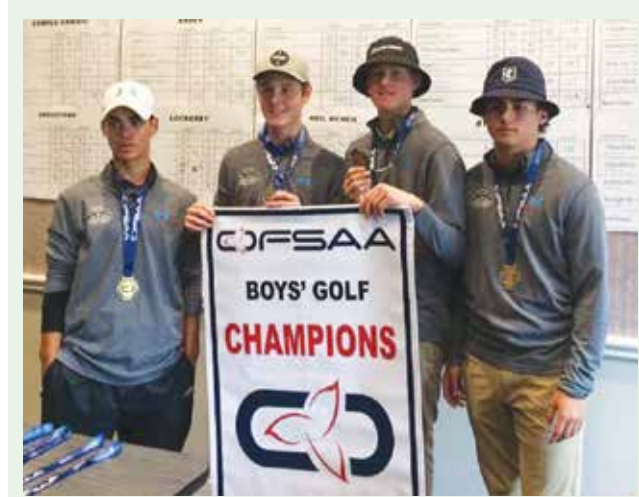
For a FREE No Obligation phone estimate, anywhere in Whitby or Oshawa call:
905-655-1099 or 905-433-5000

Durham Testing Public Alerting System

The Region of Durham will conduct its annual fall testing of the Public Alerting System within the 10-kilometre area around the Darlington and Pickering Nuclear Generating stations.

Testing is scheduled to take place during regular daytime business hours on October 24 for indoor notification (automated emergency telephone dialing system), and on October 25 for outdoor siren activation. The outdoor sirens will sound for up to one minute.

Individuals near the Darlington or Pickering Nuclear Generating Station who hear sirens or receive the indoor notification are not required to take any action.



BHS Golfers win OFSAA!

Brooklin High's foursome (left to right in photo) Keegan Mongru, Jordan Breen, Tyler McDowell, and Nate Butler captured provincial gold honours recently at the OFSAA championships at Kingsville Golf and Country Club. Though tied for fourth after the first round, they roared back to win the title by one stroke.

The Public Alerting System is designed to warn residents and businesses in the unlikely event of a nuclear emergency. It consists of two components—outdoor sirens installed within three kilometres of the nuclear generating station, and an automated emergency telephone dialing system for indoor notification within the 10-kilometre area. Households and businesses with a landline in this area, which includes the City of Oshawa and towns of Ajax and Whitby, will receive the indoor notification.

The next testing is scheduled to occur in spring, 2018.



Local Businesses Nominated For Achievement Awards

Since the first Peter Perry Award in 1955, the Whitby Chamber of Commerce (WCC) has proudly recognized outstanding community achievement. This tradition continues through the Business Achievement Awards program, which publicly recognizes local businesses that demonstrate excellence, a commitment to their community and a strong entrepreneurial spirit. The winners in each of the six categories will be announced at the Peter Perry & Business Achievement Awards gala on November 16.

Brooklin businesses among the finalists are listed first in bold italics:

- Business Achievement Award (1-15 Employees)**

Brock St. Brewing Co.
MacAskill Chiropractic and Wellness Centre
Two Men and a Truck
- Business Achievement Award (16-49 Employees)**

CRCS DKI
Collins Barrow Durham
Deighton Associates Ltd.

- Business Achievement Award (50+ Employees)**

Royal Ashburn Golf Club
Abilities Centre
Boys and Girls Club of Durham
- Todd Skinner Young Entrepreneurs & Professionals Award**

Andrew Valyear, Skyview Electronics Inc.

Denise Laframboise and Nicolee Evans, The Red Pin Mortgage Brokerage
Shawn Walsh, Step by Step Pro DJ
- Business Person of the Year Award**

Connie Heron, Connie's Brooklin Village Shoppe Ltd.
John Draper, Together We Rock! Inc.
Karey Anne Large, Kake Kreations
- New Business of the Year Award**

Cupcake Junkie Bakery & Café
Durham Escape Rooms
Rawlicious Whitby

Meet Your Local Merchant



WOKIN
express

Take Out Restaurant

31 Baldwin St.

905.425.8889

wokinexpress.ca

Authentic Cantonese, Szechuan & Thai Cuisine

10% Discount on Pickup over \$20 before tax CASH ONLY (applies to Combo & Family Dinners)

Sun. & Holiday Mon. 3:00-8:30pm
Mon. (non-Holiday) CLOSED
Tues., Wed. & Thurs. Noon-9:00pm
Fri. Noon-9:30pm
Sat. 2:00-9:30pm
Last order is 30 minutes before closing.




To Advertise Call

905.655.7642

Bringing Brooklin News to Your Mailbox since 2000

If you are reading this, you should want your advertisement here.



Family & General Dentistry
Cosmetic Dentistry
Oral Surgery
Periodontics • Orthodontics

www.brooklindentalcare.com
5969 BALDWIN ST. S., BROOKLIN
905.655.7117

Manchu Kitchen
Chinese Food Take-Out
905-655-0288

30 St. Thomas St., Brooklin

www.manchukitchen.com
Established business since 2004



Free Assessment Upon Enrollment (*conditions apply)

Since 1984

OXFORD
LEARNING

Brooklin | 905.655.9500

oxfordlearning.com



LOUIS BRADICA B. Comm
SALES REPRESENTATIVE

DIRECT: 905-925-7767
OFFICE: 905-723-5944
EMAIL: Louis@LouisBradica.com
www.LouisBradica.com



ELLIOTT & HILLS
BARRISTERS • SOLICITORS • NOTARIES

SOPHIE HILLS B.A.A., LL.B.
Proud Brooklin Resident since 2000

905.571.1774
Toll Free: 1.877.272.5220
Fax: 905.571.7706

106 Stevenson Road South, Oshawa, Ontario L1J 5M1
www.elliottandhills.com email: sophie@elliottandhills.com

- Real Estate
- Wills and Powers of Attorney
- Collaborative Family Law



TurnerMoore LLP
Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

Alan Hogan CPA, CGA

Providing a full range of professional accounting & taxation services.

62 Winchester Road E., Brooklin

905.655.8556 • www.turnermoore.com

Whitby Reviewing Private Transportation Services

The Town of Whitby is undertaking a review of the licensing and regulation of private transportation services, which include taxicabs, limousines and transportation network companies (TNCs). A TNC, also known as a ridesharing service provider, is a company that connects paying passengers with drivers of private vehicles-for-hire through a

mobile application.

The Town's current municipal regulations do not address TNCs, as the Business Licensing By-law only details the licensing and regulation of taxicabs and limousines. As such, the Town released a discussion paper earlier this month that includes a number of proposed policy options, related to the licensing and regulation of TNCs, in addition to proposed provisions for taxicabs and limousines.

Residents are invited to learn more and provide their feedback at a Community Open House, the details for which are as follows:

Event: Private Transportation Services Review Community Open House

Date: Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Time: Drop in between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Location: Town Hall, 575 Rossland Road East

For more information or to be added to the Interested Parties List, please contact clerk@whitby.ca or call 905-430-4315.

Durham Seeks Post-Secondary Student For Environmental Committee

The Regional Municipality of Durham is seeking a post-secondary student, residing in Durham Region, to serve as a member of the Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC). DEAC is a volunteer advisory committee that provides advice to Durham Regional Council on environmental planning matters, while also being involved with awareness and outreach activities.

Post-secondary student membership is open to students residing in Durham for the school year, who are enrolled full-time in a college or university program, and have an interest in environmental matters. Membership on DEAC exposes students to a broad range of environmental issues, as well as the functions of regional government.

Interested post-secondary students are asked to submit a letter of interest, outlining your knowledge of environmental issues, and how you feel you can contribute to the committee, by October 27. Submissions should be sent by email to deac@durham.ca or mailed to:

Brian Bridgeman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development

The Regional Municipality of Durham
Planning and Economic Development Department - 4th floor
605 Rossland Road East, P.O. Box 623
Whitby, ON L1N 6A3

DEAC is composed of 17 members, including: 13 citizens, one post-secondary student, two youth members, and a representative of Regional Council. Additional information regarding DEAC is available on the Region of Durham's website at durham.ca/deac or by contacting the Planning and Economic Development Department at deac@durham.ca.

Group 74
PRESENTS:
BOO!fest
THIS IS A NOT SO SCARY HALLOWEEN EVENT!
BROOKLIN COMMUNITY CENTRE & LIBRARY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
12:30-3:30
TICKETS: \$10 PER CHILD
Tickets: whitby.snapd.com/events/view/1090490
www.Group74.org • Facebook.com/Group74



Copper Branch on Baldwin St. hosted a kids 1 km run last month. Here are the future track stars taking off at the start line. Afterwards, they were treated to free snacks, draw prizes, and participation medals.

NOW SELLING 136 SHREWSBURY DRIVE, BROOKLIN

End unit townhome ■ 4 bedrooms ■ 2.5 bathrooms



LISTED AT
\$645,000

INTERESTED IN VIEWING THIS PROPERTY? CALL LOUIS...

KW KELLERWILLIAMS
Energy Real Estate, Brokerage
Independently Owned and Operated

LOUIS BRADICA
SALES REPRESENTATIVE

LB LOUIS BRADICA
REAL ESTATE GROUP

O: 905-723-5944
D: 905-925-7767