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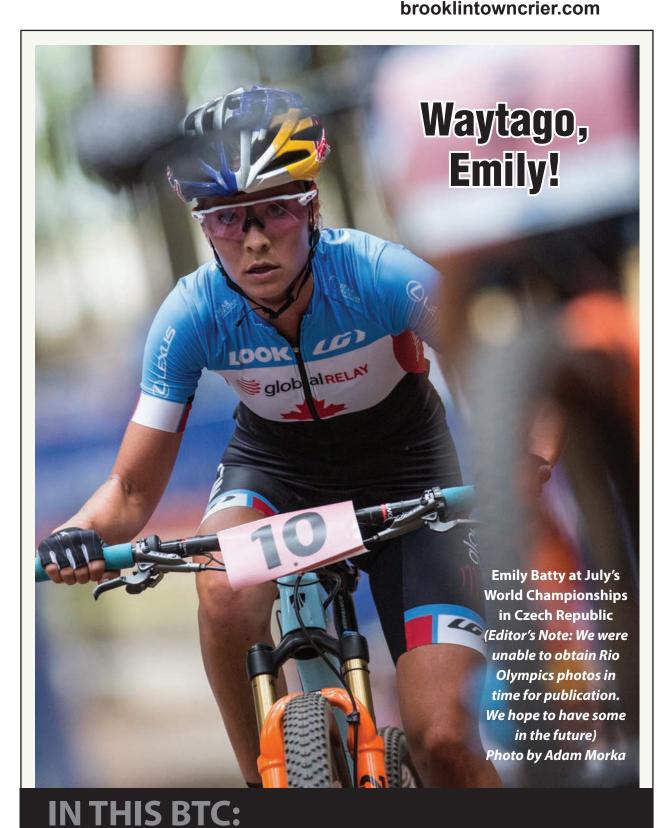


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### **Harvest Festival Coming Sept. 10**



Road Closures for Harvest Festival





Again this year, Baldwin Street businesses and restaurants are excited to have the Harvest Festival taking place at their doorsteps on Saturday, Sept. 10.

The event runs 10 am to 4 pm but if you come early, you can enjoy the BAM Lions Club Pancake Breakfast, which starts at 9 am.

Enjoy sidewalk sales! Drop into the unique shops, meet the local owners and enjoy the rich autumn colours and bountiful fall produce. This free event brings together community groups, businesses and residents to showcase what Brooklin has to offer.

Browse the Harvest Marketplace, which will overflow with fruits, vegetables, flowers, and plants. There are many interactive crafts, games and activities for kids of all ages to enjoy. Local entertainment will captivate the crowd throughout the day.

For 16 years, Grass Park was the home of Group 74's Brooklin Harvest Festival, which was in partnership with the Town of Whitby. The Town thanks Group 74 members for their years of dedication building this wonderful community event. We hope to see you there!

#### **Less than Half the Picture By Richard Bercuson**

## Mail Call

The mailbox of our house in a mature Ottawa neighbourhood was next to the garage. When we renovated the ennce to the front door, about 11

trance to the front door, about 11 steps above ground level, the contractor moved the mailbox so the carrier would never have to climb the steps. That was darn nice of him.

It meant though that to fetch mail we had to go outside and down the steps, which, in winter, were an adventure, or go downstairs to the basement and through the garage to get it. When the Harper government began the community mailbox program, despite the daily stair climb, we rued the day they'd start it in our older area. The question among neighbours was where they'd plunk it. Rumours indicated it'd be at the corner, five houses away. Ohmigod, we gasped! Five houses!? In Ottawa winters!?

To be clear, a community mailbox isn't a selling feature for a realtor. No one's going to tell a buyer, "Great location - oh, and your community mailbox is inconveniently located just way over there and around the bend then down a block. Sort of." Best to stick with chatter about the new living room hardwood and say nothing else.

When we bought our Brooklin hacienda, we never gave a moment's thought to the mailbox. Till I had to

walk to it.

My initial reaction to the entire program when it began was that the government was finding new ways to annoy us. If I ever had to live in an area with a community mailbox, I'd freak at the nuisance.

Now here I live, and I freak not. In fact, the 120 steps - accurate to within three steps if I cut corners on two lawns - make for a pleasant stroll. Yes, it is summer and quite a bit lovelier to walk than in December or February. But perspective counts. I've lived through the snows of Montreal and the bone chill of Ottawa. Harsh in Brooklin does not in any way have the same weight.

During those 120 steps, I've waved hi to neighbours and inspected lawns (mine sucks). I've ogled lovely interlock driveways and walkways that I don't have, peered into garages (all neater than mine) and noticed how everyone keeps their cars cleaner than I do. One could infer I do the jaunt partly to feed my feelings of inadequacy. This would be accurate 64% of the time (and 78% of all stats are made up on the spot.).

On one mailbox trip, I got into a discussion with the letter carrier as he was doing his work. I learned some things about the postal dispute and the nature of his job I didn't know. We had a good chat.

I also got to see how much more mail everyone gets than me.

### Coming Soon: Movie Night for Hunger

Cheryl Gordon will host her 7th Annual Outdoor Movie Night for Hunger on Sept 9, beginning at 6:30 pm. It will take place at Blessed Pope John Paul II Catholic School, 160 Cachet Blvd., in Brooklin.

As part of her mission to end hunger, every year she works with Feed the Need in Durham as the recipient of all collected donations. Those attending Outdoor Movie Night for Hunger are asked to bring donations of non-perishable food items as their admission.

"Last year, we had over 3000 people in attendance," said Gordon, "and were able to raise a total of about 11,000 items of food for the food bank. It felt so great to give back to the community. Along with raising awareness for some of our communities' most pressing social issues, this event is so much more. You see families come out and create lasting memories, cuddle under blankets under the stars, you hear the laughter of the children and you see joy in the parents' eyes."

This year they have a huge list of fun activities and entertainment for the whole family including: Zoo to You, SpringFree Trampoline, face painting, crafts, games, Trailer Park Casanovas live in concert, Performances by Take 5 Dance Studios and The Durham Jazz Band, appearances by The Whitby Fire Department and Molly The Fire Dog, free cookie decorating, smoothies and waffle sticks, cotton candy, hot chocolate, popcorn, hot dogs and more! There will also be prizes including a chance to win an iPad.

Brooklin Village Spa & Salon has joined the mission to end hunger as a Platinum VIP Level Sponsor for the Movie Night for Hunger.

Jaime Townes, owner of Brooklin Village Spa & Salon, has a passion for giving back to the community. The goal is to raise 10,000 lbs. of food for local food banks with all food donations going to Feed the Need in Durham and distributed to their partnering food banks, soup kitchens and shelters across Durham Region.

For more information about Cheryl Gordon's 7th Annual Outdoor Movie Night for Hunger, in partnership with Brooklin Village Spa & Salon, visit www.OutdoorMovieNightForHunger. ca or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CherylGordonsOutdoorMovieNightForHunger

### **Music in the Park**



Rick (Johnson), on the right, and Terry (Crawford) get their groove on for the kids at Music in the Park. Johnson is a former MPP who once defeated John Tory in a provincial election. Crawford is a twice nominated Juno singer. They've been married for 41 years and have performed hundreds of concerts. On this night, they had the kids hoppin' and boppin'. *Photo by Richard Bercuson* 

### Façade Improvement Program Recognizes Brooklin Businesses

Mayor Don Mitchell and members of Council toured the completed renovations of Brooklin's 2015 Façade Grant Improvement Program recipients on August 12. The mayor Mitchell presented plaques to five local businesses:

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In 2015, over \$60,000 went into 15 grants resulting in approximately \$200,000 in investments in downtown Brooklin and Whitby.

# DURHAM REGION

### Notice of Intention to Pass a By-law to Change the Composition of Regional Council

Take notice that the Council of The Regional Municipality of Durham will consider a by-law at the September 14, 2016 meeting of Regional Council, that if approved, will change the composition of Regional Council.

In accordance with Section 219 of the Municipal Act, Regional Council will hold a public meeting to provide interested parties the opportunity to make comments on the proposed by-law. The public meeting will be held on:

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 10:00 AM Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters Council Chambers 605 Rossland Road East Whitby, Ontario

Comments may also be submitted in writing no later than **Monday**, **September 12, 2016**, addressed to the Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services:

Debi Wilcox

Regional Clerk / Director of Legislative Services clerks@durham.ca

Regional Municipality of Durham

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Phone Number: 905-668-7711, extension 2100

Dated this 22nd day of August, 2016.

If you require this information in an **accessible format** please contact the Regional Clerk / Director of Legislative Services via email at clerks@durham.ca or by telephone at 905-668-7711, extension 2100.

The proposed by-law is available on the Region's website at www.durham.ca

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#### **Our Brooklin Kids By Leanne Brown**

### Bye, bye baby room



grown her baby bedroom with the jungle theme. It's a small room and she needs more space so we're moving her to the larger room with an en-

suite in preparation for her tween and teen years.

The news was greeted with, "Awesome! Can I paint it any colour I want? I want hot pink and neon green."

"Yikes!," I thought when I considered the colour explosion every time I walked into her room. I sighed as I admired her tastefully decorated baby room with the smiling animals.

#### Think growing room...

When it comes to decorating kids' rooms, trying to balance a theme or colour they like with a design you can live with can be difficult. You'll want to choose a look your child will like and will also last through the teen years with minimal changes.

My daughter has out- This is where you need to get the child's input. What is your kid really in to? Sports? Fashion? Arts? Video games? Dance? Remember, kids' tastes change so a general rather than a very specific theme will grow with them. Think a sports theme over just hockey or a glamour theme over Frozen.

#### Working with colour preferences

What colours do they love? You want to use their favorite colour, but you don't have to go to those neon extremes. The secret is diluting the loud colour by surrounding it with more subtle tones. Take your child to the paint store to look at colours. Tell them to choose up to three that go together. Now look at the paint chip strip and the ones surrounding it. There is usually something in the same tone but more toned down. Use coordinating colors with warm neutrals like cream to tone it down and make it stand the test of time. Add their favourite bright hues in a way that doesn't overwhelm the room. Agree to an accent wall or use it as an accent throughout the room. Keep the hot colors (red, yellow, pink) as accents since they'll just naturally grab more attention.

#### Choose things you both love

My daughter loves the idea of buying things that give personality to her space. But since she likes lots of things, we created an inspiration board to collect all our favourite ideas. She wants a chandelier

so we included a picture of one she loves. Her room design has started to come together but we won't add all her ideas at once. We're leaving "room to grow", so to speak. Instead, vacation trips, birthdays, and such will offer chances to add things to create a place that reflects her interests and dreams.

#### Keep some of the old

Keeping some familiar items that reflect their history and personality is comforting and saves dollars. The animal prints are going but we're adding new pictures to the existing frames. An old table will be painted in the accent colour, soon to become a "new" nightstand. And we're turning a beloved fancy dress

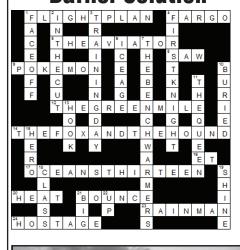
she loves but has outgrown into fun throw pillows.

This project will likely take several months, given our schedules. We're tackling it slowly. Now we're off to the Benjamin Moore store in the village to find some non-neon paint colours that we can both live with.



### **Community Calendar**

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please call the church office at 905-655-4141 or by email at office@brooklinunited.ca.

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# Ryan MacDermid makes national karting team



By Sarah Sweet

Ryan MacDermid, a 14 year old karter from Brooklin, has earned one of two spots on Team Canada and will take on drivers from around the world at the Rotax Max Grand Finals in Sarno, Italy, October 15-22. He is ranked third in the Rotax Max US Open Karting series.

He cemented his Team Canada position after a three-month racing series, clinching victory at a Mosport championship and scoring the biggest victory of his young career. With that, he is now on the karting map.

The Brooklin High School student has been driving since 2013, beginning his karting career at the Mosport Kartways in Bowmanville. Kart racing, however, was not originally on his radar.

Like most, MacDermid grew up playing soccer and hockey. Although he enjoyed those sports, they didn't

hold his interest for long. While looking at other extra-curricular activities for her son, his mother, Lisa Fayle-MacDermid, came across Mosport and signed him up for the "arrive and drive" rookie series on a whim.

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to the sport was watching the Rotax races where karts drive up to 135 km/hour. "The minute I saw the speed of those karts, I was hooked!" says MacDermid. "Once I got to drive one, I knew I had found my sport."

Rotax kart racing is the path most drivers take to become Formula One racers. Although it's a lesser known sport in Canada, MacDermid's focus and tenacity has shot him to the top of his age class.

Success has not come easily. His dedication on the track and off is uncommon for someone so young. "I'm only 14 and training for kart racing is really a grind," he says. "Few people realize just how much I have to put into my off-track training. There's strategy sessions where I not only focus on how I will drive but how I will react if things don't go according to plan."

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He trains twice weekly at Twist Sport Conditioning Centre in Whitby and spends an additional two or three times each week at the track sharpening his skills and practice racing, often with his coach Wesley Schindel and father Jason MacDermid by his side. "There's not a lot of time for anything other than school and racing," laughs MacDermid, "but I wouldn't have it any other way."

Heading to the World Grand Finals of Karting is a true dream. "It has been exceptionally hard work because I am still relatively new to the sport," says Mac-Dermid. "Racing is my passion. I am focused on improving myself, my skills and my racing, and I am so thrilled to

represent Canada in Italy this year!" he says.

But the big dream? To one day race on the professional circuit.

"It's a huge goal, I know," says MacDermid, "but I have the drive and focus to get there. I can't imagine doing anything other than racing at this point so no matter where I end up, I am positive that racing will be a huge part of my life."

In the meantime, he is basking in the glow of the honour to represent Canada in multiple European races, with hometown Brooklin behind him. "It means a lot when people cheer me on or send me a text to wish me good luck. It makes all the hard work even more worth it!"



Ryan gets instructions from his coach Wesley Schindel at a recent event. Photo by Cody Schindel



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#### Blooming in Brooklin *By Ken Brown*

### Finally, rain!



getting wet - and enjoying it. If I could dance like Gene Kelly, I'd do a version of "Singin' In The Rain."

Finally, after too many weeks of hot, dry weather, Mother Nature blessed us with a real rain and rescued our gardens. How quickly the deadest brown lawns have sprung back to life. The amazing ability of many plants to adjust and survive inhospitable conditions and recover is another phenomenon that keeps me a humble and fascinated gardener. Now that the soil is reasonably moist and a fork will penetrate it, there are chores to do.

The pile of Iris rhizomes is accumulating on my deck as I dig and divide those clumps that are getting

I'm standing in the rain, too big for their space or are dying out in their centres. Sometimes I leave a healthy looking part of the clump in the ground. But since it's not usually where I want it, I dig the whole clump and choose a large healthy rhizome to replant. That invariably leaves me with surplus rhizomes which helps me keep friends.

#### Plant seeds

It's not too late to sprinkle a few short and cool season vegetable seeds. Lettuce varieties sown now will keep us in salad until the hardest of frosts. If you like colour in your salad, then radishes are great short season crops. Pak Choi and Kohl Rabi may also have time to produce a crop if sown now and the weather stays warm.

If your lawn didn't surge back to life because it wasn't great before the drought, then now's the time to solve the problem. You could rip it all out and get prepared to have a great vegetable garden in that space next spring. A well laid out and tended vegetable garden makes for an interesting and productive front yard. Otherwise, start preparing for a new lawn.

Perhaps yours is a mass of weeds. Then you could call it a wild flower garden. Or, eliminate those hardy species and plant healthy grass. Once weeds are gone, rototilling and levelling is the next step followed by a light spread of lawn fertilizer. Water it regularly until it is again covered with emerging weeds from the seeds the rototilling brought to the surface. Knock those down with horticultural vinegar and spread the grass seed without redisturbing the soil. Keeping that grass seed moist is the real trick to success. A light watering morning and evening should do the trick before you decrease the frequency and increase the duration. This entices the roots deeper into the soil. You should have a good looking lawn by the end of September.

Since gardening is often a balance between time and money, then take the money route and buy sod. It can be rolled out after the rototilling and levelling because few weed seeds will germinate under it. You can have your new lawn much earlier. But daily water for the first week is still the secret, using the same frequency and duration pattern as described.

September doesn't mean the end of the gardening season. Far from it. Cooler weather means undertaking activities we didn't want to contemplate in the summer heat. Create the new garden; rejuvenate the tired landscaping; transplant that poorly located shrub or plant.

Gardening in the fall, one of my favourite times, is cool, pleasant and calm, without the frantic activity of spring.

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### A Love of Horses leads to World Cup Bronze

By Richard Bercuson

What began with a childhood visit to the annual Brooklin Fair for Rachael Devenyi became a lifelong love affair with horses.

The recent graduate of All Saints Catholic Secondary School participated in her first Saddle Seat Equitation World Cup this past summer and came away with a bronze medal. It's an impressive start for a young rider who's only been in the saddle for 12 years. Devenyi trains with Ian DeGruchy at 3D Stables in Ashburn. Together they travelled to Capetown, South Africa, along with Devenyi's mother, brother, both sets of her grandparents and an aunt and uncle. They were all present to witness her debut in an event that focuses entirely on a rider's presence on a horse and control of the animal.

Devenyi says she got hooked on riding when she attended Sparks (part of the Girl Scout program) as a five year old. Her leader's sister took the kids to the Fair and Devenyi recalls being fascinated by the horse show. Shortly after, she took lessons at DeGruchy's stable and has been there ever since.

Certainly being involved in this kind of sport is anything but mainstream. In school, she was on the swim team and has been a ski instructor. But it was her love for horses that has always remained at the forefront. It led her to the national team and this summer's event. She was even featured as a member of Team Canada in the April 2016 issue of International Horse Show magazine.

Saddle seat riding doesn't involve jumps nor is it jumping nor dressage as featured in the Olympics. As she describes it, the style is extremely popular in South Africa and

in some American states, particularly Kentucky. In this event, the rider's personal appearance, comportment and control of the horse are judged.

She reached the competition after flying first to Amsterdam and then Capetown arriving just 48 hours before it started and it was a different kind of challenge.

"You don't bring your horse to this, she says. "Your coach matches you with the horse and you're given one for about 20 minutes before you start along with the horse's bio. So it's really your first time working with the

horse. Before you go, they email you four patterns you'll do on the horse and you need to learn them because they'll pick two of those."

Riders are judged, she says, on how much of a "presentable picture" they provide as well as how much control they have to deal with situations. "Does the horse follow your commands? Mine bucked on me a few times," she recalls, "and the judges have to determine who's at fault for that."

Her chosen style or selection is called three-gaited, which means

working with a horse on a combination of three movements: walk, trot and canter. It's the most common of selections.



Rachael Devenyi rides the aptly named "Brooklyn Night" at the Capetown competition. Photo by Caitlyn Malyk

To be a member of Team Canada required a certain level of fitness that was tested last February in Alberta. Most importantly though for her, as a competitor, it meant pushing herself.

"I'd really like to do it again," she says. "Now I know where I stand and what to expect. It was an insane experience to be up against the best in the world. I'm ready to push myself more."

On this trip, following the week long competition, the family entourage travelled to Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe with a special tour company. However, when the next world event happens in two years in the U.S., the locale won't be quite as exotic.

This fall, Devenyi will attend the University of Guleph's Bio Resource Management program to work towards a joint degree in business and equine management. "My ultimate goal is to work with different managers and trainers in different kinds of barns."

In other words, with horses, just like the little girl who first saw them at the Brooklin Fair.

### A Mailbox Story

It was just a mailbox. Well, no, it wasn't. It was about the mailbox.

kdeld was working at his summer job for Snider Construction in Ashburn at the intersection of Brawley and Cochrane. He was driving a truck and backing it up when in his sideview mirror he saw the mailbox.

"Oops, I'm a little too close," he recalls.

the mailbox, shattering the mirror's glass and bending was a goner. For a brief moment, he considered leaving it. "Oh yeah, I hesitated for a second. Then I knew what was the right thing to do."

The right thing was to tell the homeowner, apologize, and

pay for a new mailbox. Tello Siciliano, whose mailbox was struck, couldn't believe it. Here was an 18 year old A few weeks ago, Nick Ze- kid at his door offering to replace what he'd damaged.

> "It was a small thing," Siciliano says in accented English, "but to me it was a very big thing. We hear things about kids today and it's not true. He was very honest."

So Nick bought him a new mailbox ("on sale from \$100 to \$50, so it wasn't so bad") Indeed. The side mirror hit and went on his way. The company paid for the mirror. Soon, he'll be attendits holder. But the mailbox ing Ridgetown Agricultural College where this little tale likely won't be told. No matter. To Tello Siciliano and his wife Florella, residents of Ashburn since 1981, Nick has affirmed their faith in the honesty of youth.

### **Scouts in Finland**



1st Brooklin Scout Troop at Pearson Airport, waiting to begin its adventure to the Finland International Jamboree this summer. The troop wishes to thank the Brooklin community for its generosity in making the trip possible. Next year's Jamboree will be in Halifax. Photo by Rebekkah Finnigan

Front row (left to right): Gavyn, Grayden, Jordan, Gillian Back row (left to right): Mark, Chris, Joseph, Luke, Dejan, Jeffrey, Josh, Dale

## **Emily Batty: You Had Lots of Support**



Customers at The Goodberry await the start of Emily's race. Photo by Richard Bercuson



Meanwhile, at The Goodberry on Baldwin, owner Sheila Corrigan added a new drink for the occasion: The Emily Batty Iced Tea. Photo by Richard Bercuson

### DRPS: Drug Bust at Uxbridge Senior's Building

after more than \$15,000 worth of drugs and \$15,000 in cash was in Uxbridge.

drug activity at a senior's building on Perry Street in Uxbridge. On Thursday, August 18, 2016, a search warrant was executed on a unit and three people were arrested.

During the search warrant, 10 marihuana plants as well as quantities of hashish, cocaine, opiates and illegal cigarettes were seized, with an approximate street value of more than \$15,000. More than \$15,000 in cash was also seized. some of it found hidden in the walls of the residence, as well as a rifle with ammunition.

William THEAKSTON, age 67, and **Kevin STONER**, age 50, both of Perry Street in Uxbridge, are charged with: Production of a Controlled Substance (Can-

Three people are facing charges nabis); Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking x2; Possession of a Controlled Substance seized from a senior's residence x2 (Cannabis Resin and oxycodone); Careless Storage of a Firearm; Careless Storage of After receiving tips from the pub- **Ammunition**; **Possess Firearm** lic, officers from the North Divi- Other than Restricted without sion Community Response Unit Holding a License; Possesbegan to investigate possible sion of the Proceeds of Crime over \$5,000; Possession of Unmarked Cigarettes for the Purpose of Sale andPossess Unmarked Cigarettes.

> Miranda LEHTINEN, age 33 of Brock Street West in Uxbridge, is charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance (Oxyco-

> Anyone with new information is asked to contact Cst. Brown of North Division at 1-888-579-1520 ext. 2659.

> Anonymous information can be sent to Durham Regional Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.durhamregionalcrimestoppers.ca and tipsters may be eligible for a \$2,000 cash reward.



This giant flag with a message for Emily Batty was hosted onto a hay wagon at the corner of Ashburn and Winchester. *Photo by Leanne Brown* 

### **Dear Emily: Fourth Is Awesome**

By Richard Bercuson

Hi Emily,

We haven't met. All I know of you is what I've read, watched in videos, and heard about from Brooklin folks. Oh, and that Rio thing. Every word uttered has gushed positivity.

I hope one day we can chat because the opportunity to meet an Olympian isn't an everyday occurrence. Besides, after all the reading and watching, I've come to admire your tenacity and see you as one of those special people who set a standard and example for those around you. How many Brooklin kids will become competitive cyclists because of Emily the Olympian?

I've met a few Olympians over the years through my sports and writing involvements. Only a couple won medals. A fellow who did medal turned out to be one of the most arrogant individuals I've met in sport. He was a guest speaker to my senior phys. ed. class and had the students writhing in mental anguish at his self-promotion. Clearly winning a medal did him a world of no good.

There was the chap whose son I coached in hockey. He ran the 4 x 100 in the '76 Games, finishing 8th, 0.69 seconds from a medal. That's a blink.

Another, a teaching colleague, was a pitcher on the Athens 2004 Olympic baseball team. They finished fourth. I asked him straight out how it felt because so much stock is put on medals.

It bothered him, but he said he realized they'd made a few bad decisions. To him, being an Olympian and being close to a medal was in many ways medal enough. As you can appreciate though, reactions by athletes to near-miss medals are highly individual.

I wish Baron Pierre de Coubertin were alive. I'd ask him how he decided on three. I know some of it is because gold, silver, and bronze were valued medals back when marathoner Phidippides et al did Richard those events, mostly in the starkers,

by the way. Somehow, today's society sees three as important. Good thing the Canadian Olympic team set a goal of top five finishes - and surpassed it. Then again, why five? Why not seven? Or nine?

It all seems rather arbitrary and puts enormous, almost undue pressure on athletes to be in the medals. Just in Rio, you were in pretty impressive company. Mohammed Ahmed ran the 5000 m 1.59 seconds from a medal – in fourth. Melissa Bishop, in the 800 m, was 0.13 seconds from a medal – also in fourth. Evan Dunfee competed in the 50 km race walk and was 14 seconds from bronze yup, in fourth.

Here's my take on finishing fourth, or 14th, or 84th in the Olympics: OHMIGOD! That's - on the planet!

I have a tiny sense of the work and investment required having coached elite hockey players and being married to a former national tennis and badminton champion. Maybe I'm an impressionable chap about high achievers, like athletes or musicians and the like.

Then again, maybe society needs to give its head a shake and recognize accomplishments like just making an Olympic team, and putting a bit of a tarnish on those medals.

Two seconds away? Okay, I can appreciate the anguish. Over time though, you will come to see just how momentous your achievements are. How will you know?

I knew when I sat in The Goodberry watching your race along with some adults and a few kids who were handing out Canada flags. Next time you stroll around Brooklin, watch out for cyclists. One of them may yet join you marching through a stadium.

Coffee's on me. Wait: Is caffeine a banned substance?

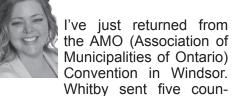
Best regards,

#### **Our Councillor's Report by Rhonda Mulcahy**

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

### Communication All Around

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cil members plus two staff. We divided and conquered to try to place a body in every talk throughout the four days.

I and over 500 councillors and mayors from across the province had opportunities to learn and share. It was an eye opener for me on many topics. We heard about welcoming newcomers, risk management, policing, the impact of marijuana legalization on our municipalities, green initiatives, aging population challenges, and energy management, to name a few.

We also heard from Premier Kathleen Wynne, Patrick Brown and Andrea Horwath. As well, 21 cabinet ministers and many MPPs attended.

Since most of what we do as a municipality comes under provincial jurisdiction, it was important to attend. Many Ontario communities face challenges quite different than ours, although there are communities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe that are under the same stresses we face.

As I'm settling into this role, it's becoming clear that the single biggest challenge we face is growth

Ward One: Communica- and how we handle the densities mandated by the province. This is not uncommon in one of the faster growing areas of the GTA. As your Ward Councillor, I have already had several new developments cross my desk which address higher density in-fill, the filling in with higher density buildings along major routes and in vacant lots. This begins to happen after the major subdivisions are completed.

> The province provides us projections to hit by certain dates to address growth and density by having "x" numbers of people per hectare. It's up to us to figure out how to achieve it. If we don't have higher densities in our in-fill, we won't reach their numbers.

> These are some of the tougher decisions I face. I have to speak both as your Councillor and as a member of Council to address the province's density requirements. The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) densities continue to rise.

> While developers are presenting us with plans that provide what is needed, the concern is whether or not it's what the neighbourhood wants. Whenever possible, I've asked developers to reach out to those in the area. I'm doing this to open a dialogue. So far, they have been amenable as I believe they want to bring plans before council that have already ad-

dressed residents' concerns. I'll be at any public meetings to listen to

I'm also sounding a bit "like a broken record" when I continue to ask for senior housing. I haven't yet been told no. But I haven't received a yes either. It's still early. And I'm persistent.

Further to this, as long as I have this handy Ward column, I want communication in the other direction. I've received many emails from the community about issues. But I'd like to host a regular coffee shop meetup where you can voice your concerns in person without having to speak to a large group. I'm here to listen and speak on your behalf at

If you are interested in this, please email me at mulcahyr@whitby. ca with the subject line: Ward One Email List and include your name, address and phone number.

I will let you know the date and time for the first informal meet-up. I will also add you to my email list which I'll use to keep constituents informed on all things Ward One (between Brooklin Town Crier columns of course!).

# Distracted Driving Campaign in Whitby

A four-day traffic safety blitz targeting distracted drivers in Whitby has resulted in 75 tickets being issued.

From August 15 to 18, 2016, officers in Central West Division targeted intersections throughout Whitby enforcing Distracted Driving laws. A total of 75 tickets were handed out for using a hand-held communication device.

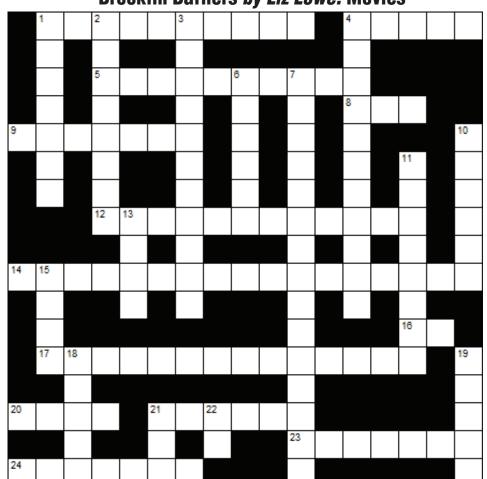
In one incident, a 40-year-old female from Oshawa received two tickets after an officer pulled beside her on Taunton Road East. Both were stopped for a red light when the female looked at her phone. She then proceeded into the intersection before the light turned green while still looking at her phone. The officer immediately pulled her over and charged her with Drive-Hand Held Communications Device and Red Light - Proceed Before Green.

Officers were also alarmed by the number of drivers who were ticketed and had children on board.

DRPS reminds motorists to keep your eyes on the road. Using your cell phone while driving will result in a \$490 fine and the loss of three demerit points. Do your part to keep our roadways safe.

For details about DRPS enforcement activities, contact S/Sgt. Glenn Courneyea of the Traffic Services Branch at 1-888-579-1520 ext. 3508.

### **Brooklin Bafflers** by Liz Lowe: Movies



- 1 A bereaved woman and her daughter are flying home from Berlin to America. At 30,000 feet, the child vanishes. (10)
- 1996 American dark comedy crime thriller film starting Frances McDormand (5)
- A biopic depicting the early years of legendary director Howard Hughes' career from the late 1920s to the mid-1940s. (3,7)
- 8 Two strangers awaken in a room and soon discover they are pawns in a deadly

- 9 The adventures of Ash Ketchum and his partner Pikachu (7)
- 12 The lives of guards on Death Row are affected by one of their charges: a man who has a mysterious gift. (3,5,4)
- 14 Two childhood friends find themselves forced to become enemies. Voices of Mickey Rooney and Kurt Russell. (3,3,3,3,5)
- 16 A young boy helps a friendly alien escape Earth and return to his home-world.
- 17 Danny Ocean rounds up the boys for a third heist, after casino owner Willy Bank double-crosses one of the original eleven.
- 20 1995 American crime film starring Robert De Niro, Al Pacino, and Val Kilmer. (4)
- 21 A man switches plane tickets with another man who dies in that plane in a crash. The man falls in love with the deceased one's wife. (6)
- 23 Selfish yuppie Charlie Babbitt's father left a fortune to his savant brother Raymond and a pittance to Charlie; they travel cross-country. (4,3)
- 24 A failed police negotiator turned small town cop, must save the lives of a family held against their will. Stars Bruce Willis.

#### Down

- 1 An FBI agent undergoes surgery and assumes the identity and physical appearance of a ruthless terrorist. (4,3)
- 2 Australian-American mystery and erotic thriller film starring Meg Ryan, Mark Ruffalo and Jennifer Jason Leigh. (2,3,3)

- 3 2001 American crime thriller film starring Denzel Washington and Ethan Hawke (8,3)
- 1995 medieval film based on Arthurian legend, starring Richard Gere and Julia Ormond (5,6)
- 6 2002 American computer-animated buddy comedy adventure. It was nominated at the 75th Academy Awards for Best Animated Feature. (3,3)
- 7 A trio of guys try and make up for missed opportunities in childhood by forming a three-player baseball team. (3,12)
- **10** After an attack by a group of Iraqis Paul wakes to find he is buried alive inside a coffin with only a lighter and a cell phone. Starring Ryan Reynolds. (6)
- 11 2006 British fictional drama film depicting the British Royal Family's response to the death of Diana, Princess of Wales (3,5)
- 13 An adult Peter Pan must return to Neverland and reclaim his youthful spirit in order to challenge his old enemy. (4)
- 15 2002 Chinese wuxia film starring Jet Li. based on the story of an assassination attempt on the King of Qin. (4)
- 18 1983 American romantic comedydrama film, starring Jacqueline Bisset, Rob Lowe (5)
- 19 Australian biographical drama film based on the life of pianist David Helfgott, who suffered a mental breakdown (5)
- 21 A boy makes a wish at a magic wish machine, and wakes up the next morning in an adult body. (3)
- 22 Seventy-eight year old Carl travels to Paradise Falls, inadvertently taking a young stowaway. (2)

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Accounting, bookkeeping, personal and corporate taxes and the preparation of financial statements are the core of my business. My practice provides services to both individuals and owner-managed businesses in computers, construction, professionals, farming, retail, not-for-profit and other various industries. We provide bookkeeping services for numerous clients, including the preparation and filing of HST returns and source deduction calculations. These functions lead to financial statement preparation, the preparation and submissions of T4's, T3's, T5's, T5018 and other related submissions. We can assist clients with business plans and forecasts, startups, succession planning, payroll and employee issues to name a few.

We help our clients with audits conducted by the Canada Revenue Agency, Workplace Safety and Insurance Board and any other

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also have a network other professionals referrals such as Financial Planners, Lawyers, Real Estate Agents, Banks, Mortgage Brokers and so on.

Volunteer activities also an important part of our personal and business life. I have coached minor soccer, coached and managed minor hockey and held the position of Director of Public Practice for the Durham CGA chapter for 4 years. We try to support the Brooklin / Durham Region both on a personal and a business level whenever we can.

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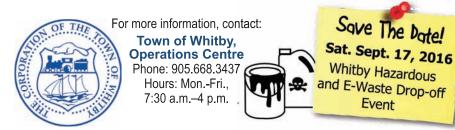
#### **Solid Waste Services Holiday Collection Schedule**

#### During the week of September 5 - 9 (Labour Day)

Solid Waste Collection Services (Green Bin Organics, Blue Box Recycling, Yard Waste and Residual Garbage) for Monday, September 5 through to Friday, September 9, will be revised as follows:

Normal	Aroa	Revised Collection Day			
Collection Day	Area <sup>l</sup> #	Organics (Green Bin)	Recycling (Blue Box)	Residual (Garbage)	Yard Waste
Mon Sept 5 (Labour Day)	1	Tues Sept 6	Tues Sept 6	Tues Sept 6	Tues Sept 6
Mon Sept 5 (Labour Day)	2	Tues Sept 6	Tues Sept 6	No collection	No collection
Tues Sept 6	3	Wed Sept 7	Wed Sept 7	Wed Sept 7	Wed Sept 7
Tues Sept 6	4	Wed Sept 7	Wed Sept 7	No collection	No collection
Wed Sept 7	5	Thurs Sept 8	Thurs Sept 8	Thurs Sept 8	Thurs Sept 8
Wed Sept 7	6	Thurs Sept 8	Thurs Sept 8	No collection	No collection
Thurs Sept 8	7	Fri Sept 9	Fri Sept 9	Fri Sept 9	Fri Sept 9
Thurs Sept 8	8	Fri Sept 9	Fri Sept 9	No collection	No collection
Fri Sept 9	9	Sat Sept 10	Sat Sept 10	Sat Sept 10	Sat Sept 10
Fri Sept 9	10	Sat Sept 10	Sat Sept 10	No collection	No collection

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



For more infomation about the community waste events, visit whitby.ca/waste

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