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Spring Fair An "Avalanche" Of Fun - Again!

Leigha (left) and Kennedy are about to ride the Midway Avalanche at the Fair. For more photos, see page 3

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Celebrate Recreation and Parks Month

The Town of Whitby invites residents to celebrate Recreation and Parks month this June by taking part in a number of free programs being offered at the Town's recreational facilities.

Each year, Recreation and Parks Month highlights the more than 120 parks in the Town and over 2,200 recreation programs available and offered within the community.

This year, residents are invited to take part in the following:

- June 1 to 8: Free one-week trial health club access at the Whitby Civic Recreation Complex for new users

- June 9 to 16: Free recreational swims at Whitby Civic Recreation Complex and the Anne Ottenbrite Pool

- June 17 to 21: Free drop-in programs at Brooklin Community Centre and Library

- June 21: Free yoga classes at Whitby Civic Recreation Complex

- June 22 to 29: Free public skates at Iroquois Park Sports Centre

For more information, visit whitby.ca/recreationandparksmonth or contact the Town's Community and Marketing Services Department a parks.rec@whitby.ca or 905.430.4310

Whitby Honours Former Mayor

A tree has been planted in Civic Park at Town Hall to honour the memory of former Mayor Tom Edwards. Family, friends and colleagues attended the ceremony.

Mayor Edwards began his 33 year career in 1964. He served as Reeve Ward Councillor and Regional Councillor until becoming Mayor in 1991. During his two terms as Mayor, many projects were completed including adding four ice pads to

Iroquois Park, a new fire hall, a major addition to the Senior Centre, the boat launch at Whitby Harbour and the opening of the Waterfront Trail in Whitby.

Mayor Edwards passed on December 3, 2018 at the age of 92 - shortly after the passing of his beloved wife June.

The Town of Whitby is grateful for his years of service and legacy of accomplishments.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Rooms

Youth ages 12 to 18 years are invited to drop in to any Youth Room on Friday, June 14 at 4 p.m. to make strawberry shortcake and on Monday, June 17 at 4 p.m. for a pool competition.
whitby.ca/youthrooms

Story Ride for Bike Month

Saturday, June 8, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., bring your bike and join the Town and Whitby Public Library for a ride in celebration of Bike Month. Meet at the Whitby Public Library Brooklin Branch to begin the ride, then stop at a local park for a story time and snack. Complete the ride with a craft activity. Helmets are required for all participants. Register at whitbylibrary.ca

whitby.ca/calendar

Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole

June 10 at 7 p.m.

Committee of the Whole

June 17 at 7 p.m.

Council

June 24 at 7 p.m.

The meetings will take place at Town Hall, 575 Rossland Road East. For more information, contact clerks@whitby.ca or 905.430.4315
whitby.ca/civicweb

Notices

Adopt a Park or Trail in Whitby

From planting trees to keeping the park clean, there are many ways you can contribute to the health and longevity of the more than 120 parks and 60 kilometres of trails in Whitby through the Adopt-a-Park and the Adopt-a-Trail programs. For more information about the program and the many ways to participate, visit whitby.ca/adoptapark

News

Community Invited to Celebration of Life for Commissioner Peter LeBel

The Town honours the passing and celebrates the life of former Commissioner of Community and Marketing Services Peter LeBel and the significant contributions he made to the community. The community is invited to participate in a Celebration of Life being held for Peter on Saturday, June 8, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Centennial Building (416 Centre Street South). Residents are also welcome to sign a book of condolence at Town Hall for the month of June.
whitby.ca/news

Nominations Open for the Mayor's Senior Volunteer Awards

Nominations for the Mayor's Senior Volunteer Awards are now open for Whitby seniors who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to volunteering. For more information or to make a nomination, visit whitby.ca/seniors

CULTURE PLAN SURVEY

The Town is developing its first Culture Plan to help define, support and build Whitby's arts and culture sector.

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Scenes from the parade and Fair



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Our Brooklin Kids By Leanne Brown

Ambassador contestants are all winners



Over the years, I've been involved with the Brooklin Spring Fair in many capacities. I've been a volunteer, walked in the parade, entered the homecraft contests and even sat in the dunk tank. So when I was asked to be one of three judges for the Fair's Ambassador and Mini-Ambassador competition, I was delighted.

The Ambassador Program is an opportunity for young men and women between the ages of 17 and 23 to represent the Fair and their community. The Ambassador, 1st runner up, and 2nd runner up will represent the Brooklin Spring Fair the 2019/2020 season. The Mini Am-

bassador program, which mirrors the Ambassador one, is a fun program for children in grades 1 and 2.

Plenty of advice

When I told my family about the opportunity, I got lots of advice. My daughter promptly ransacked my closet for the perfect Katy Perry-inspired outfit. My husband started calling me Simon (as in Cowell) in a British accent. In the end, I swapped the Katy Perry sequined number for a simple summer frock. And I tempered my inner Simon for a fun and fair judge personality.

While being a judge is fun, it's also quite hard. The two young ladies participating in the Ambassador competition, Holly Rhodes and Rebecca Browne, were both lovely, accomplished and had charming personalities. Either one could represent Brooklin adequately. It was by no means an easy decision.

My duties consisted of interviews, judging speeches (relating to the fair, community, etc.), and determining how the contestants answered a randomly picked question. Contestants were also judged on their ease of communication, knowledge of the fair and community, poise and public interactions.

Bios and interviews

First up were the biographies. Both contestants were active in their communities and close to their families. I was

excited to meet them. Next the interviews. Holly spoke with ease of her love of the fair and how she hoped to be a role model if chosen. Her bubbly personality was instantly infectious. Rebecca demonstrated her passion for the Fair with poise and grace by sharing some of her experiences both as a child and as a fair volunteer. I carefully reviewed their answers.

Next came the speeches and random questions. The contestants spoke confidently and entertained the crowd with their witty answers, making our job even more difficult. While the committee tallied the results, the mini contestants took the stage.

Mini Ambassador contestants are given five questions to prepare for ahead of time and the winner is chosen based on personality, poise, confidence, and overall impression.

Patient kids

Two little contestants won my heart right away. Sierra and Kieran sat quietly on the stage as they were introduced, a feat that's hard for 6 and 7 year-olds. The little girl and boy charmed the audience with their answers about their favourite fruits and fair rides and best friends.



Holly Rhodes (left) was named Spring Fair Ambassador while Rebecca Browne was 1st runner-up.



Junior Ambassador Sierra Del Bono

Kieran, with a smile missing a few teeth, looked smart in his blue shirt. He fidgeted excitedly as he told us about how Granny Smith apples are "just so good". Sierra shared her love for cotton candy. "It's so sweet," she said. She eventually won the title.

It was exciting watching the winners' faces as their names were announced. Even though the runners-up may not wear the crown, they were equally as royal, in my opinion.

I enjoyed my experience as a judge and would encourage our young Brooklin citizens to get involved in this wonderful program next year.

Congratulations to this year's winners.

Plant-Based Eating by Sheree Nicholson



The beauty of rice bowls

I've written in the past about rice bowls because I love them for family meals. They are versatile, easy to make and allow for a wide variety of toppings, which should please ev-

eryone. I share a home with someone who eats meat, and rice bowls are something we can both agree on. Since I work full time, run a business and like to work out, during the week I really try to keep meals sim-

ple. Still, I don't want to sacrifice the quality of my meals or spend a great deal of money on takeout.

Rice bowls keep my life simple. They start with steamed brown rice, which is extremely easy to make in a rice cooker. Next are the veggies. I like to use a combination of raw and cooked vegetables. Rice bowls can be a way of getting rid of leftover veggies. Then comes the protein. There are lots of great plant-based toppings including; falafels, spiced chickpeas, marinated and grilled tofu, tempeh or unshelled edamame. The combinations are endless. A big bowl of rice in the centre of your table surrounded by the add-ons allows your kids some creative license to create their own versions.

Most of my inspiration comes from copying bowls offered by Copper Branch or Lil Organic Kitchen or by "googling" rice bowl recipes. If you have someone in your family who's not eating carbs, you can use quinoa as the base, making the meal higher in protein. Or you can get really creative and make zucchini noodles for the base. I guess you can't call them rice bowls at this point. You can also purchase zuc-

chini noodles at most grocery stores but if you have a spiralizer they're easy to make.

The final touch to any rice bowl is the sauce or topping. You can, of course, just use tamari or soy sauce if it's an Asian inspired rice bowl. I recently made the garlic herb sauce recipe below by the Minimalist Baker and it was a huge hit at a recent party I had. It would go great on a falafel bowl, with maybe some chopped sweet potatoes and pickled cabbage and red onions.

GARLIC HERB SAUCE

1/4 cup hummus
juice of 1/2 lemon
3/4 to 1 tsp. dried dill (or sub 2 to 3 tsp. fresh)
3 cloves garlic (minced)
Water or unsweetened almond milk, to thin
Sea salt, to taste
Add all ingredients to a mixing bowl and whisk to combine, adding only enough water to almond milk to thin so it's pourable. Taste and adjust seasonings as needed.

Sheree's Hack: Toss your zucchini noodles in fresh lemon juice to make them softer.

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Brooklin Reunion



Sully (left) and Doug Vipond, whose family history dates back decades, were front and centre at the reunion hosted by the Brooklin Heritage Society.



Local artist Jody Edwards has painted numerous scenes focusing on Brooklin's history. The BTC used her depiction of the old water tower as our June 22, 2018, cover as the Brooklin Heritage Society was launched.

For the Brooklin reunion on June 1, she donated her painting of Medlands Feed Store to the Heritage Society for a draw. Who won? Barb Medland (pictured here on the right). Who drew the winning ticket? Her mother Jean (on the left). Karma, no?



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Durham's Vision Zero To Improve Road Safety

"In every situation a person might fail, the road system should not." – Vision Zero Canada

Durham Region has a bold new strategy for keeping residents safe on its roadways: Durham Vision Zero. The strategy was approved by Durham Regional Council in April, and officially launched in early May.

Originally introduced in Sweden, Vision Zero is a concept many municipalities around the world have adopted. The foundation is that zero people should lose their lives due to a collision, because everyone has the right to travel safely in their community. Vision Zero places responsibility on road designers, policy mak-

ers, police enforcement and other related systems to ensure safe systems for travel. With Vision Zero as a guiding principle, safety is prioritized over factors such as cost, speed, delay, level of service, and convenience, factors upon which decisions have traditionally been made.

"We need to change the way we think about collisions," said John Henry, Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer for Durham Region. "Whether through better road design, improved safety measures and safe, attentive driving—collisions can always be prevented. Durham Vision Zero aims to save lives and reduce injuries caused by motor vehicle collisions by co-ordinating en-

gineering, enforcement, health and education. I'm proud to see so many partners in road safety collaborating to work towards this common goal."

In Durham, an average of 6,700 reported collisions per year result in an average of \$225 million in fiscal impact. This includes emergency response by police, fire and paramedics; as well as healthcare costs; and public works expenses for roadway repairs and improvements.

The development of Durham's Vision Zero plan was led by the Region's Works Department, in collaboration with road safety partners across Durham, including local area

municipalities, school boards, private sector stakeholders, and Durham Regional Police.

Durham Region is ready to get to work with the first step establishing a task force made up of partners from the Works Department, Durham Regional Police Service, a Works Committee Representative (Town of Ajax Councillor Marilyn Crawford), as well as stakeholders and the community.

Learn more about Durham Vision Zero at durham.ca/VisionZero and join the conversation about road safety on social media by using the hashtag #DurhamVisionZero.

Community Calendar

Mon., June 3 - Wed., June 26: Beech Street Theatre Company presents "The Mask of the Golden Gaels"
Written and Directed by Michael Khashmanian
Dinner theatre at the Brooklin Pub
Dinner and Show \$45
For tickets, visit starticketing.com
Dinner at 6:00 pm - Show at 7:30 pm
Shows on
June 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26

Wed., June 12: 7:30 pm: Brooklin Horticultural Society
William Grainger will present "Geraniums & Pelagoriums"
At Brooklin United Church, 19 Cassels Road East. For more information, contact Kathy: 905-430-7213 or kathyallam@hotmail.ca.

Thurs., June 13: 1:30 pm: 14th annual "Fore the Future" Charity Golf Classic
At Royal Ashburn Golf and Country Club.
Proceeds to programs supporting children and youth in care throughout Durham.
For more information or to register, contact Sian Gibson, Executive Director sian.gibson@durhamcaf.ca

Sat., June 15: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Nova's Ark's 9th Annual Friendship Walk
3 km walk from Grass Park led by Bing the camel
Fundraiser to help maintain our unique program facility.
Music from The Working Dawgs, face painting and hands-on interaction with therapy animals.
Nova's Ark Charity is a not-for-profit organization based in Brooklin that provides individualized programs for people of all ages and abilities.
To register for the Friendship Walk or to make a donation, visit www.novasark.ca.

Tues., June 18: 10 am, 12:30 pm, 7 pm: SuperDogs at Founder's Day at WindReach Farm
To purchase tickets, visit www.windreachfarm.org.
All proceeds will support the programs and services provided by WindReach Farm.

Sat., June 22: 6:30 pm: Mt. Zion United Church annual pork BBQ
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Sun., June 23: 7:30-9 pm: Trivia Night At Michael Kelly's Eatery on Winchester and St. Thomas

\$20 per person cash only. Teams of 4-6 ONLY. Each team receives a large pizza and an order of garlic bread, with a beer per person. Winning team members each get a \$10 gift certificate to MK's.
Register by emailing your name and number of team members to: editorofbtc@gmail.com
Capacity is 42 people, so registration is first come-first served.
Hosted by the BTC
with all proceeds to Prostate Cancer Canada Network (PCCN) Durham.
(NOTE: There will be no Trivia night in July or August. It will resume Sept. 29)

Tues., June 25: 6:30-7:30 pm (4th Tuesday of each month) Teen Advisory Group at Brooklin Library
Whitby Library's Brooklin Branch seeks Teen Advisory Group members to share ideas, and assist with special events and programs. Grade 7-12 students earn community service hours. No registration required. For information, email: teenservices@whitbylibrary.ca

Wed., June 26: 7:30 pm: Brooklin Horticultural Society
Cathie Hooper will present "Edible Landscaping".
At Brooklin United Church, 19 Cassels Road East. For more information, contact Kathy: 905-430-7213 or kathyallam@hotmail.ca.

Mon., July 1: Canada Day 10k, 5k and Kids dash
Organized by Brooklin W-I-N
Start and finish at Brooklin Coffee Culture
Register is at www.runningroom.com or sign up on race day
Proceeds to Autism Awareness.
For more info, contact Ian Barron at melgumroad50@hotmail.com or 905 626 9649

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.

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Vision: Zero people killed or injured across all modes of transportation.
Goal: Minimum 10 per cent reduction of fatal and injury collisions within five years (2019- 2023).

Emphasis areas

An emphasis area is a type or group of collisions that has been identified as among the largest or of most concern. The selection of emphasis areas included three types of inputs: public opinion (online survey and public information centres), collision data analysis (2012 to 2016), and partner agency information. The analysis not only looked at the overall size of various collision types, but considered trends, such as the recent increase in cycling collisions. Overall, the public's road safety concerns closely matched the top emphasis areas determined by data analysis.

1. Intersections

Collisions caused by turning movements are the most common types of collisions at intersections in the Region—representing approximately one third of all fatal and injury collisions at intersections.

2. Aggressive driving

Aggressive driving actions include speeding, driving too fast for conditions, following too close, disobeying traffic control, and failing to yield the right-of-way.

3. Distracted driving

Distracted driving has become one of the leading causes of injury and death on Ontario roads and was also indicated as a top priority in the public survey. Approximately 25 per cent of all fatal and injury collisions in Durham are due to distracted driving.

4. Young drivers

Young drivers aged 16 to 25 years are the single age group with the largest number of collisions from 2012 to 2016. Inexperience and driving beyond the driver's skill level are the primary reasons why young drivers have a higher chance of being involved in a collision.

5. Pedestrians

Fifty-three per cent of pedestrian-involved collisions occur at signalized intersections. In 69 per cent of pedestrian collisions, the pedestrian is walking with

the right-of-way. Pedestrian collisions almost always result in injury, often serious.

6. Impaired driving

Impaired driving collisions are those coded on the police report with the following attributes: If you require this information in an accessible format, please contact 905-668-4113 ext. 2834.

- Driver had been drinking
- Driver's ability impaired due to alcohol use
- Driver's ability impaired due to drug use
- Driver's medical or physical disability
- Driver is fatigued

7. Cyclists

There has been a steady increase of cyclist collisions in Durham in recent years. This may be attributed to a higher ridership within the Region. Most collisions involve young cyclists aged 11 to 20. More than 50 per cent of the cyclist collisions occurred in June, August, and September.

8. Commercial vehicles

There were 370 collisions involving commercial motor vehicles in Durham in the five-year study period; 20 per cent of fatal collisions in Ontario involve a commercial motor vehicle.

Awareness Area: School Zones

A focus on collisions in school zones was not supported by the collision data analysis, but the public clearly identified schools as an area of concern. As such, these types of collisions will be considered as an aspect of the overall strategy, while developing the action plan for the eight emphasis areas.

Countermeasures

The Durham Vision Zero Strategic Road Safety Action Plan outlines countermeasures that focus on the eight emphasis areas. Countermeasures are the specific actions that will be taken by Durham Region and its road safety partners. The list of countermeasures is detailed in the plan and will be strategically implemented over the next five years.

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.

Celebrating Peter LeBel

The Town of Whitby welcomes the community to meet with the LeBel family on Friday, June 7, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Regal Room, Centennial Building, 416 Centre Street South, Whitby



Peter and his partner Ally

cent to the Centennial Building at 400 Centre Street South. In lieu of flowers, donations in Peter's memory can be made to the SickKids Foundation at [sickkidsfoundation.com/donate:Designation - Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis Research](http://sickkidsfoundation.com/donate:Designation-PrimarySclerosingCholangitisResearch).

A Celebration of Life will take place, Saturday, June 8, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Theatre, Centennial Building, 416 Centre Street South, Whitby

Please note:

- A live stream of the Celebration of Life will also be set up and made available in the gymnasium of 360insights (300 King Street) to allow for additional viewing space.
- A reception will follow from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Regal Room at the Centennial Building.
- 1855 - the new innovation accelerator - will open its doors to the community on Saturday, June 8, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. to allow for public visits to the newly named LeBel Hall. 1855 is located adja-

Alternatively, donations in Peter's memory can be made to the Town of Whitby, 575 Rossland Road East, Whitby, ON L1N 2M8 to support a range of community programs. All donations to the Town of Whitby in Peter's memory will be used to give back to the many programs that he was so passionate about, as well as to the community and the people who live and work in Whitby. The family will work with the Town to allocate time as well as funds raised in donations to causes that were close to Peter's heart. The family is committed to the successes and community spirit to the Town of Whitby and its residents forever.

Deputy Mayor - By Rhonda Mulcahy

Personal thoughts about Peter LeBel



On Monday, May 27, during council, we learned of the passing of our Community and Marketing Services Commissioner, Peter LeBel. Many people in the community wouldn't have known Peter but to many of us, he was one of the driving forces behind some of Whitby's larger projects.

He began his 27-year municipal career in 1992 as Director of Marketing and Economic Development. Under Peter's leadership, a number of major economic development and community focused projects were initiated and completed, including: the construction of the new Brooklin Community Centre & Library; acquisition of Cullen Gardens; development of the McKinney Centre; renovation and expansion of the Centennial Building; creation of the award-winning Whitby Central Library; and, development of Landmark Cinemas Entertainment complex on Consumers Drive.

No cost domes

He led the partnership with the Whitby Iroquois Soccer Club, which led to the installation of two soccer domes at no cost to the municipality. Most recently, Peter was one of the principal visionaries behind the creation of Whitby's new Innovation Accelerator - "1855" - which will play a pivotal role in helping to grow Whitby's innovation district. In recognition of the significant impact of these initiatives, the Rossland Road soccer fields and main hall within the 1855 Accelerator have been named in his honour.

It was during the planning of the BCCL that I became acquainted with him. During the planning of Brooklin's new library and commu-

nity centre, I missed no opportunity to challenge him. Looking back, I'm certain I was bit of a thorn, with my persistent questioning about renewable energies, saving trees and environmentally friendly materials. Worse yet, I was regularly reporting his responses in the Brooklin Town Crier. Peter listened carefully and took into consideration what I and others were saying. He applied the resources he could at the time to the project. In the end, we got a wonderful facility that preserved a great deal of the adjoining forest along with the use of eco-friendly materials in the construction. Though I never did get my renewable energy, the compromise still produced a happy result.

Working hand-in-hand

Fast forward over 10 years later and that prickly newspaper lady from Brooklin become the newly minted ward councillor. The first thing Peter did was invite me to breakfast in Brooklin when he then asked me what I wanted to see. We talked about how we were going to get there together. I couldn't respect him more for his approach.

Together, we spent the last few years strategizing the new North Whitby Sports Facility. He had been instrumental in obtaining the location and had done a lot of leg work towards it. It breaks my heart that he will not be here to see the next phases of the project which will include community consultation.

The Town of Whitby has placed a public book of condolence in the main lobby at Town Hall for the month of June. The book will be given to the LeBel family following its public display.



The Region of Durham is sending a message of inclusion to everyone who visits its corporate headquarters building in Whitby, with the installation of a new rainbow crosswalk, just in time to kick off Pride Month in Durham Region. Durham Region's rainbow crosswalk was installed in-house by Works Department staff.

Fill material tipping fee increase

Effective July 1, the fee for loads containing **any** fill material (such as soil, concrete and mixed construction materials) will change from \$125 per tonne to **\$250 per tonne**.



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Blooming in Brooklin By Ken Brown



...and one last thing...

I planted potatoes the other day though they're usually planted in the last week of April. Now I wonder if we'll enjoy them before Labour Day. Apparently there have been just two days in May that reached or exceeded the average temperature for that day. It may have bothered me less than most gardeners because my non-functional right arm, and the weather, have greatly contributed to my garden's lateness. The arm improves every week but I still can't operate a wheelbarrow.

The new variety of potatoes, Clancy, that produce a good crop from seeds is doing interesting things in the cold frame although they should be in the garden. A potato's tubers are not part of the root system but rather are lateral underground stems. Mine are producing small lateral stems from their bases just above the soil in their cell paks, which is encouraging. They'll be in the ground on the next sunny, or even non-rainy, day.

Those awful beetles

The weird weather does have some benefits. I love my lilies but chasing the voracious red lily beetle is a constant task. I've seen few of them this year and so the lily stems are growing strong and tall with almost perfect leaves attached as opposed to the Swiss cheese leaves that we usually see when the beetles en-

joy their banquet. Hooray for weird weather or whatever is keeping those nasties in check.

Rabbits: how can something so devastating be so cute? I've had particular problems with them in my vegetable garden and have watched a pair of significant sized fur balls enjoy the fruits of my labours. I've purchased chicken wire to keep them from places they don't usually go. Lately I've been startled, but not surprised, by many of their progeny appearing from under the heavy cover of the mass of tulips in the front perennial beds. I pointed one out to my four year old granddaughter and, of course, she thought it was cute. I didn't show her the traps I've set up to catch them, a very difficult task. What could I possibly use as bait in a trap when there's a huge banquet available to them wherever they look? So I just carry on supporting the chicken wire industry.

Some positives

I continue to try to enjoy the few advantages cool wet weather provides. The water bill is somewhat smaller, hopefully a greater reduction than the increase in the gas bill. The weather has made my significant tulip and narcissus collection put on a fabulous show that's lasted for several weeks. The iris are bringing up a large quantity of bloom stalks that will hopefully open in time for the Brooklin Horticultural

Society's iris show on June 12. It should be a fascinating and colourful display. Come out and have a look.

And finally...

Now to the final paragraph, and it is, indeed, the final paragraph.

After 12 years (yes, it's been that long) of contributing to Rhonda's little newspaper, it's time to leave. It has been a great run and I appreciate all of my readers who have made personal connections with me. Writing this column each month has been a delightful chore. However time and circumstances change. Goodbye - and enjoy your gardens!

If you want to continue to follow

my gardening adventures, then go to my web site, www.gardening-enjoyed.com, and sign up for my regular ezine, Dallying In The Dirt. It will find its way to your inbox most weeks, keeping you up to date on gardening happenings.

Editor's Note: Ken's contributions to not only the BTC but also to the community's awareness and knowledge of gardening have been significant. His passion for the craft shone through in each and every column as he shared his adventures. There are holes in our gardens we may not know how to fix, but now there's also a hole in this newspaper. Thank you, Ken, for making gardening come to life.



May's Trivia Champs!

Left to right: Maggie, Paul, Carol, Steve, Pat, Terry

The next Trivia night at MichaelKelly's will be on Sunday, June 23. Then we'll all give our brains a summer break, resuming on Sept. 29.

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Key Interest Rate Holds Steady

The Bank of Canada says it has detected a turnaround in the Canadian economy starting in the second quarter of 2019. (Chris Wattie/Reuters)

Canada's central bank is keeping its benchmark interest rate right where it is, suggesting it views the recent slowdown of Canada's economy as "temporary."

The Bank of Canada on Wednesday maintained its target for the overnight rate at 1.75 per cent, citing accumulating evidence the economy was showing signs of slowing down in the latter half of last year and into the start of this one, before picking up in the second quarter of 2019. The bank noted consumer spending and exports have shown signs of improving in the second quarter, and strong job numbers suggest "businesses see the weakness in the past two quarters as temporary."

The picture is a little more mixed on the trade front, with escalating tensions between Canada and the United States dragging down Canadian exports, but the end of U.S. tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum being an offsetting shot in the arm.

"Overall, recent data have reinforced [the bank's] view that the slowdown in late 2018 and early 2019 was temporary, although global trade risks

have increased," the bank said. "In this context, the degree of accommodation being provided by the current policy interest rate remains appropriate."

TD Bank economist Brian DePratto said the shifting trade winds are becoming the biggest issue on the central bank's mind.

"Even as we've received some 'wins' in the form of the end of steel and aluminum tariffs, other trade conflicts are maintaining a haze over the economic outlook," he said. "Against this backdrop, a neutral stance ... seems appropriate."

"Household debt and imbalance risks were not mentioned specifically in the May policy announcement, but they have received much attention in previous bank speeches and the Financial System Review, which means they are very much on the bank's radar as downside risks," he noted. Even odds for fall rate cut.

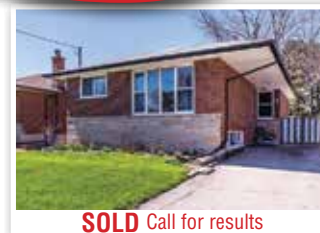
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