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## Canadian Tire Ice Fishing Championship raises over \$50,000 for Jumpstart

Owners and operators of the Canadian Tire store in Keswick, Gary and Elizabeth Johnston handed out over \$105,000 in cash and prizes to winning members of the 120 teams signed up for the 4th Annual Canadian Tire Ice Fishing Championship Tournament.

Teams competed to weigh-in the heaviest catch of 12 perch on Sunday, February 17.

The \$10,000 first prize, with a total weight of 13.07 lbs. went to Tim Everson from Pefferlaw and his teammate Brad Dietrich from Keswick.

and Chris Little - 12.08 lbs. \$1,500 3rd prize: Armando Di-

Martino — 10.66 lbs.

\$1,000 4th prize: Jim Harris and Richard Harris-10.33 lbs.

\$750 5th prize: Ben Hollinger and Mitch Klatt — 9.96 lbs.

\$650 6th prize: Janusz Kawalee and Roman Runo — 9.89 lbs.

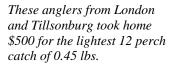
\$550 7th prize: Elden Vienneau and Scott Green — 9.16 lbs.

\$450 8th Prize: Alex MacKenzie and Victor Capabianco — 9.11 lbs. \$350 9th Prize: Brad Rayson and Nate Salisbury — 8.85 lbs.

\$250 10th Prize: Andrew McVory and Chris Hiltz — 7.97 lbs.



\$2,000 2nd prize: Andrew Graham Gary Johnston (left) and Elizabeth Johnston (right) congratulate Tim Everson and Brad Dietrich as the winners of the \$10,000 first prize award for 12 perch weighing 13.07 lbs.







(Left) Angler extraordinaire, Wil Wegman took home a weed eater. (Right) Ross O'Brien and Shawnna Johnston won a \$600 smoker.



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#### **Letters to the Editor** Re: Honourable Bains

#### Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development

You have been promising for 3 years now to address the ridiculous costs that our Telcos charge consumers and yet you have done nothing to stop the monopolizing business ethics of these greedy corporations. It's known world-wide that Canadian cell phone charges are the highest on the planet, and yet, you and your political peers have done nothing to help Canadian families.

Just so you know as a comparison, I am in Mexico for the winter. I purchased a new SIM card for my cell phone for a gargantuan price of 79 pesos (that's \$5.64 cdn) and in addition, purchased a plan that enables me to call long-distance to Canada, USA and Mexico with 2GB of data for the unbelievable price of 150 pesos (that's \$10.71 cdn) per month.

Meanwhile, if I opt for my wonderful plan in Canada, I can have the same plan for \$12.00 per day and above my monthly rate. Talk about consumer gouging!!!! So c'mon, get off your lazy butt and do something about this insane situation in our country, unless of course the Telcos are greasing your palm (like they do with the executives at our dysfunctional CRTC) which, understandably, would be the only reason you have sat on this file for three years. Regards.

Wayne Downey, Sutton

# Re: The Town of Georgina has failed to deliver with DocuPet.

The Town of Georgina implemented a new dog licensing program, on the backs of local business owners. Licensing is required in the Town of Georgina if you want to own a dog, the same as paying property tax if you wish to own property.

Since launching the program they have lost support of local merchants that once sold the tags while promoting responsible pet ownership within our town. In 2017 the town had 8 locations

plus the Civic Centre and The Georgina Animal Control, This year they only have 5. The Town of Georgina new licensing program rewards residents with discounts and freebees (offered from out of town business) for complying with the town's dog licensing bylaw. This program demonstrates just how much Georgina is not open for business, They are sending residents out of town to use their rewards-. this does not support Georgina's economy or our local businesses. These are the same businesses that support our rescue, community events, sport teams and schools.

DocuPet has failed to attract meaningful rewards, local and accessible to our community, attracting only 3 one of which is pet related.

DocuPet has also failed to be active, garnering little interest on their social media accounts which promised to be a meeting ground for dogs owners in Georgina and connecting lost dogs back with their owners. Their Facebook account has only a dozen likes after several months of operation. *Continued on page 3...* 



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The right thing for The Town of Georgina is to identify their mistakes and rectify this immediately. Sometimes when things aren't broken don't attempt to fix talent is needed to meet the rethem.

#### Michael Taggart, Keswick

Hi Karen. I'm not usually one to do this sort of thing, but as I live in Sutton West, I feel that it is a very stagnant town. Very poor progress down the main street especially for a "summer town" which of course it isn't. Progress has to be made somehow. I know in our subdivision everyone has to go somewhere else to work, and for this town to move forward without counting on our tax utes away from the 404 and on dollars something has to be done. I would like to know how much is budgeted towards enticing medium size business into Sutton. As we have no such thing, it would make sense to spend at least a little time doing so. Perhaps our councillors can attach themselves to the Mayor of To-

ronto when he goes out and about. We have a Training Centre right here in town that would likely train whatever/whomever quirements that a business would need. This is nuts just putting in subdivisions and expecting people to go to Toronto for work. The tax burden increases on us, with no apparent attempt at finding a larger contributor. They could at least put the money to improving the roads. Home taxes could concentrate on schools and such. We are strategically in a good location. The new highway is eventually coming. We are minthe way to Peterborough. And I think eventually there is a road from the 400 to the 404. Business could help force one or more of them for shipping purposes.

Thank you Shirley Rohmann Sutton West

### **Georgina's CAO retires**

a health issue, Georgina's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Winanne Grant has submitted her resignation to the Town. Ms. Grant returned to work in December last year on a parttime basis however, her retirement was announced at the February 13 council meeting by Mayor Quirk. Ms. Grant was hired to replace

After a six month absence due to former CAO Sue Plamondon in October 2011 and came to Georgina from the Township of Springwater. Her salary in 2012 was \$145,922 and by 2017 she was being paid \$207,462 to manage the day to day operations at the Civic Centre. During Ms. Grant's medical leave, long-time Georgina employee Dave Reddon was named Acting CAO.



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### **TENNYSON TIDBITS**

There is more to come on this announcement but for now you will want to stay tuned to Hospice Georgina for ticket information on their newest fundraising campaign called "Catch the Ace". Tickets will be \$5 each with weekly winners and a progressively bigger prize pot with better odds until someone pulls the Ace of Spades from a deck of cards.

Now here is a service that I knew nothing about until I received a press release the other day.

Apparently there is a phone-<br/>in and on-line help serviceSen<br/>great<br/>called 211 that operates 24/7<br/>great<br/>for 365 days a year. Simply<br/>by calling 2-1-1 you will<br/>have access to a real live<br/>person who can connect you<br/>to a complete range of gov-<br/>ernment and community<br/>brat<br/>based services such as health,<br/>all!

newcomer and settlement services, food bank and meal programs, senior services. parenting and family programs, housing help, disability support programs and much more. 211 is funded through the United Way, Trillium Foundation and various ministries. It is an award-winning service that is free, confidential and available in 150 languages. It currently serves all of Ontario and has been available to York Region residents since 2011. I tried it and it really, really works!

Sending out Happy Birthday greetings to Christine Neufeld who turns 24 on February 24 from Jan, Ken and Shannon. They also want to send their best wishes to Pastor Jeannie who will celebrate on March 1. Cheers to all!

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### Sutton Habitat project brings dream of home ownership to six families

The dream of home ownership for many Georgina residents is now a distant fantasy. The increasing price of homes, the inability to save a down payment while paying record level rents, food and utility bills has heightened barriers beyond reach for home ownership among first time home buyers.

But a new housing development on Dalton Road in Sutton by Habitat for Humanity offers a glimmer of hope for six qualified families. The Dalton Road Habitat for Humanity housing complex will see six town homes built by October 2019 which will be available to qualified families with no down payment and an interest free mortgage. The price of the three bedroom, two story

townhouse will be based on market value. The Habitat for Humanity housing model evaluates prospective families using three criteria. First, a family with children must be in need of better housing. According to Noel Kravitz, the Communications Manager of Habitat GTA, potential Habitat home owners might be dealing with poorly maintained, unhealthy or overcrowded housing. "They may also be coping with unaffordable rents or inaccessible housing for people living with disabilities and may have other shelter needs," he said. Secondly, the applicant must be willing to partner with Habitat by contributing 500 hours or more of "sweat equity" with the organization. "This typically involves help-



ing build their own home or homes of others in the program, volunteering in their local Habitat ReStore as well as taking classes in personal finance, home maintenance and other home ownership topics," Mr. Kravitz said.

The final measure of qualification is affordability. "Potential home owners must have a reliable source of income and show a stable income history with limited debt and demonstrate their ability to pay a Habitat mortgage over a 20 year period," said Mr. Kravitz.

Key to the organization's ability to offer affordable home ownership to working, lower-income families is Habitat's donation program. In the case of the Dalton

> Road project, the cost of the project is \$2.6 million and Habitat is seeking donations of \$1.5 million. "Habitat families would not be able to qualify for a conventional mortgage for these homes so volunteer and community partnerships are critical to enable us to build homes and provide 100 per cent financing," said Mr. Kravitz.

Mr. Kravitz says that beyond the satisfaction of owning one's own home, settled Habitat owners tend to benefit from improved social and emotional experiences. "There is a direct correlation between Habitat home ownership and the health and well being of families," he said. "Wherever we build, there is tangible evidence that strong and stable homes help build stronger communities."



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# Lake Simcoe is recovering: MOECP report

The Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (formerly the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change) has released a report card on the health of Lake Simcoe.

The release of the 2017 Lake Simcoe Annual Report reveals that Lake Simcoe continues to improve.

"The long-term phosphorus levels have dropped in many of the rivers and streams feeding into the lake and some native fish species are showing some signs of potential recovery. While there are signs of improvements, work remains to be done to protect and restore the watershed," the report states.

Phosphorus concentration levels, which at one point were as high as 22 µgl/L have decreased and now measure 7 µgl/L in 2017. Oxygen levels, which have a direct impact on native fish species, were measured at 1 mg/L in 1990 but improved to 5.5 mg/L in 2017. According to the report, challenges facing the watershed are wide-ranging and continue to include excessive nutrients, pollutants, invasive species, impacts of climate change and urban development. One area that has demonstrated a significant improvement as a source of phosphorus is sewage treatment plant technology. The report states that Lake Simcoe receives the effluent from 15 sewage treatment plants which were responsible for 5.1 tonnes of phosphorus loading per year. This represented seven per cent of all phosphorus levels in the lake prior to the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan coming into force in 2008.

"Upgrades in treatment technology have resulted in a significant decline in the phosphorus loads that come from the sewage treatment plants," the report says. "In 2017, the total amount of phosphorus going into the lake from sewage treatment plants now represents three per cent of all total phosphorus loads to the lake, less than two tonnes/ year."

The report, which can be found at *www.ontario.ca/ page/ministers-annual-reportlake-simcoe-2017*, also identifies various on-going monitoring and mitigation activities designed to continuously improve environmental conditions throughout the watershed.

Key among them is a remote sensing project that uses multispectral imaging from a satellite in addition to soil samples to identify phosphorus concentration hot-spots upstream along the Pefferlaw River, Uxbridge Brook and Beaver River.

The report also illustrates the impact road salt is having on chloride levels in the lake. Based on eight monitoring stations around the lake, the report says the data demonstrates that chloride concentrations are increasing in Lake Simcoe and its tributaries. "We urge residents to do their part to make a shift away from over-using salt on snow and ice in an effort to protect our water and their homes," the report states adding, municipalities are being encouraged to use best practices to minimize salt concentrations. Other areas of focus and studies in the report include piloting new technology to monitor pharmaceuticals and person care product concentrations, erosion and sediment control. water quantity and flow, fish community research, invasive species such as water soldier and water smart farming practices.

#### Staff to speed up ICI development applications

a concierge-type service for the Town's Business Class Program targeted at the industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI) sector wanting to locate in Georgina. According to the Manager of Economic Development, Karyn Stone, staff implemented the first phase of a Business Class Program last year and the introduction of a new protocol for processing development applications from the ICI sector is the second phase of the program. "The intent of this protocol is

to provide staff with the ability to dedicate additional resources to ICI applications in an effort to expedite the development approval process," said Ms. Stone when she unveiled the concept at the February 13 council meeting.

Currently all applications, whether or not they are ICI or residential, are processed on a first come, first served basis.

Georgina council has approved "Time is money for these investors and it is important that we move through these applications as quickly as possible," she said.

> The expedited service protocol will be reserved for ICI development applications that can meet a minimum floor area requirement of 1,500 sq. ft. and create/retain five full time jobs.

> Ms. Stone said it was important to note that any ICI development applications will still be required to meet all provincially legislated requirements and statutory meeting notices. "We are not circumventing those planning regulations. We are not going to be waiving any of the other requirements," she said. "It's a philosophy that we are able to expedite wherever possible."

> The program will be treated as a one year pilot program and staff will report back to council on the results.

#### **Council and staff at the Civic Centre** celebrate National Flag of Canada Day



On February 15, 1965, Canada's new red and white national flag was raised for the first time on Parliament Hill. On the same day in 1996, National Flag of Canada Day was declared and every year since, Canadians celebrate the flag on Februarv 15.

To mark the occasion, Town staff and members of council took the opportunity to honour the flag by raising a large Canadian flag in council chambers.

Canada's flag is a symbol that unites all Canadians and reflects their common values - equality, diversity and inclusion. Red and white were proclaimed Canada's official colours in the proclamation of the Royal Arms of Canada in 1921 by King George V. In 1964, George R. F. Stanley, a teacher at the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston submitted the red and white maple leaf design which was ultimately selected from hundreds of other entries.

#### Linking Georgina—a collaboration of social service agencies

Last month, Hospice Georgina was host to family, seniors and youth services, housa Linking Georgina Community Roundtable at the Link designed to increase awareness and communicate the range of services offered by member organizations. Linking Georgina is an independent, selfmandated community-based collaborative that links the services of 60 different agencies and organizations.

Members include Hospice Georgina, Jericho Youth Services, GTTI, Georgina Food Pantry, Routes, girls inc., Sandgate and 360° kids among others.

"Our purpose is to improve the health, well-being and social outcomes of everyone in Georgina," said Fatima Mawji, Co-Chair of the organization. "We strive to accomplish this through the sharing of information, assessing needs and collaboratively mobilizing community resources to implement integrated multi-sector planning and enhanced service delivery." According to Marie Morton, Executive Director of Hospice Georgina, member agencies of Linking Georgina serve a wide variety of roles in the community including transportation, public health,

ing, poverty reduction, and more.

"The opportunity was designed to collectively demonstrate our range of services and communicate our successes and how they are of value to York-Simcoe," Ms. Morton said.

The other goal of the meeting was to highlight sources of provincial funding and to express the importance of that funding, Ms. Mawji said.

Presentations were made by executives from Routes, 360° kids, Hospice Georgina, girls inc. and Sandgate Women's Shelter. Each group offered statistics on their reach and intake of services and discussed some of the funding challenges facing social service agencies. An invitee to the meeting was Conservative MPP Caroline Mulronev who addressed the audience and said she was there to learn about the programs and services offered by the member agencies. "I want to hear about the programs and how the province is helping and what other opportunities exist for collaboration," she said.



#### Minds in Motion program for those living with dementia and their caregivers is coming to Georgina

The senior population in Georgina is exploding.

According to the Town of Georgina's Recreation Facility Needs Study, the older adult (55 to 69 years) and senior (70 years plus) population grew about 90 per cent between 2001 and 2011, with an expected growth of 85 per cent (older adult) and 181 per cent (seniors) by 2031.

What does that mean?

It means Georgina will be home to more seniors as people head north to retire, said Patti White, Manager of Recreation Services for the Town of Georgina.

York Region is also currently home to more than 15,000 people living with Alzheimers and other dementias, with that number expected to more than double by 2031.

While there is no known cause for the disease, age is the number one risk factor for developing it says Andrea Ubell, Director, Programs and Clients services for the Alzheimer Society of York Region (AS York). "And social isolation impedes the person's ability to deal with the disease," she said adding, People Living With Dementia (PLWD) who are socially isolated tend to

be more depressed and see a rapid decrease gram thanks to funding from the Ontario in their cognitive function. To help, AS York is bringing the Minds in Motion program to Georgina. Minds in Motion is a community-based social program that incorporates physical

activity and social and mental stimulation for people living with early to mid-stage dementia and their caregivers.

The goal of the three-hour program, which runs once a week for eight weeks, is to help build a circle of support for participants by offering an hour's worth of exercise by a certified fitness instructor, an hour of cognitive stimulation through sharing life experiences and an hour of social stimulation through conversation and information.

"It gives people the opportunity to meet others who are experiencing similar situations, reducing social isolation for both the person living with the disease and the caregiver," Ms. Ubell said.

The Minds in Motion program was developed by the Alzheimer Society of British Columbia. The program now runs in six provinces, including Ontario, and at 17 local societies. AS York is hosting the proTrillium Foundation.

According to findings from the Minds in Motion Ontario pilot program, which ran from 2014 to 2016, there's an 80 per cent return rate among participants. The results of the program also found that physical activity can significantly reduce depression in PLWD, increase their sense of independence and improve their quality of life. Exercise is also important for the caregiver. According to the Ontario Brain Institute, older adults without Alzheimers disease who were physically active were 40 per cent less likely to develop the disease than those who are inactive. AS York is looking for participants as well

as volunteers.

As of press time, the Georgina locations hadn't been confirmed, but there are plans to bring the program to Georgina in April, June and other dates. The program runs until September. Cost is \$20 per person for the eight-week session.

For more information and to register, contact Jaime Cruz at jcruz@alzheimeryork.com or call 905-726-3477, ext. 234.

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#### Multi-use Recreation Complex (MURC)

#### Estimated construction start date: 2020 Anticipated construction completion: 2021/22

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90% of the funding provided by Development Charges paid for by developers.

#### **New Civic Centre**

#### Estimated construction start date: 2020 Anticipated construction completion: 2021/22

The new Civic Centre will meet the current and future needs for the Town, and the new space will allow staff to provide better customer service and add much needed public-use areas.

#### **Pefferlaw Fire Station 1-8**

#### Construction start date: 2018 Anticipated construction completion: 2019

A commitment to building a healthy and safe community to serve the needs of the community, it also preserves the past by incorporating Cooke's United Church into the design.

The Town has launched Building Georgina to highlight the capital projects that are proposed and underway. It's about keeping residents, businesses and visitors informed about progress being made, and how you can be involved.

#### West Park Redevelopment

Estimated construction start date: TBD Anticipated construction completion: TBD

A multi-use outdoor space for the whole family, it is anticipated to feature premier lit ball diamonds, a splash pad, playgrounds, multi-use courts, soccer and access to the trail system.

#### Sutton Community Park

Estimated construction start date: 2019 Anticipated construction completion: 2020

It is anticipated to have playgrounds for all ages, water play, multi-use court(s), community garden areas and access to the Hodgson Trail. 90% of the funding provided by Development Charges paid for by developers.

#### Link Phase 2 and 3

Estimated construction start date: 2019 Anticipated construction completion: 2019

A community gathering and collaborative learning place. Programs and services focused on health and wellness, arts and culture, youth, recreation, job training and more.



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Excitement is Building





Lion David Radford recently celebrated 35 years of service to the community as a member of the Udora-Leaskdale Lions Club. This event was commemorated by the presentation of a wall plaque and a 35 year Milestone Chevron Award from Lions Club International.

Making the presentation and helping Mr. Radford celebrate (Left to Right) are: Lion Byron Taylor, Membership Chairperson, Lion Ron Robinson, Ist Vice President, Lion David Radford, Lion Bob Horner, 2nd Vice President.



The Georgina Historical Society welcomed both members and nonmembers to their monthly general meeting on Tuesday, February 19 and discussed a collection of old and out-of-print postcards of the area. The group plans to make many of the post cards available in a book to be published later this year. *If you have a postcard* featuring a local historically significant scene and would like it considered for the publication, please contact Tom Glover at (905) 722-0180.



If you were in the crowd during the Keswick Santa Claus parade you will remember the cottony fluffy snow balls being tossed around by the nimble members of Flip N Wicked Gymnastics. Their presence in the parade won the "Best Float" prize of \$500 sponsored by the Georgina Kinsmen. Above are members of the Kinmen Club and those who are responsible for the winning entry.





(Above) MPP Caroline Mulroney and her family celebrated Family Day with Georgina families who came to take advantage of Ms. Mulroney's sponsored 'free skate' at the Ice Palace. (Note: Someone tell Laurie Carrier her Triceratops dino*saur has escaped.*) (Left) The Pefferlaw Ice Pad was a popular Family Day venue also. Pictured here are Hayley Frizzell and her four-and-a-half year old son, Brayden who is sharpening up his skills for the NHL someday.

### Loads of prizes and lots of fun fishing

A great time was had by all who participated in the 24th Annual Thomas Crittenden Ice Fishing Tournament sponsored by the Sutton Legion.

According to organizer extraordinaire Dan McGee, 245 anglers supported the event even though Lake Simcoe was a little miserly in coughing up the fish—only three trout and 43 white fish were caught in total. First, second and third place winners in the whitefish category were Rob Sprag (5.15 lbs), Dwayne Anderson (5.12 lbs) and Steve Andrews (5.09 lbs). The three winners for heaviest lake trout were: Julius Breen (12 lbs), Joel Roberts (9.13 lbs) and Nick Thompson (8 lbs). Anne Sproule won a prize for the smallest fish, Leah Wright won a ticket to next year's tournament for being the youngest angler and Nick Toulis was named most senior angler in the tournament.

Congratulations to all the winners and volunteers—and thank you for this honour and your thoughtfulness.



Julius Breen (L) won a trophy and \$100 for heaviest trout.



Nick Toulis (right) recognized as the most senior angler.



*Rob Sprag won a trophy and \$100 for a 5.15lb whitefish.* 



Leah Wright (left) the youngest angler and Sue Crittenden.

### Link Winter Market





Held the third Sunday of every month during the winter, the Link Winter Market features a cozy and warm setting for shoppers wanting to step out from the cold and browse through vendor displays.

(Top photo) The February 17 event featured demonstrations of home-made pasta creations and tomato sauces by Paolo Lavalle (a.k.a. Pasta Paolo) from Frall Foods on Catering Rd. in Elmgrove.

(Bottom photo) This beautiful case for eye wear was just one of the artistically crafted items for sale at the Georgina Arts Centre and Gallery (GACG) booth. Executive Director Grant Fullerton said it is just one example of the many new items being offered at the GACG.

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Attend the Second Career Training Session at the Pefferlaw Library on Wed. Feb. 27 from 10:00 am to noon. Sponsored by yorkworks Employment Services.

The Perchin' for MS Ice Fishing Tournament takes place at Sibbald Point Provincial Park on March 2, 2019. Cash prizes equalling \$10,0000 to the top 10 teams.

Club 55 in Pefferlaw is hosting a **Big** Bucks Bid Euchre Tournament on Sat. March 2 at the Pefferlaw Community Centre. Doors open at 12:00 noon. \$10. All welcome.

A fundraising event to support Cystic Fibrosis features nine Elvis impersonators with the Rudy and Angels band at Club 55 in Keswick on Sunday, March 3 from 1:00 until 6:00 pm. Tickets \$25. Call Mary Lou at (289) 264-3892.

Meet Georgina artist Ellen Downe on Sunday, Mar 3 at 1:00 pm at the Georgina Art

Centre and Gallery for an exhibition of her **Races** at the ROC on Thurs. Mar. 14. works called Reflections from the Artist's Garden and Beyond.

The Udora Leaskdale Lions Club is hosting a presentation by Diabetes Canada on Diabetes Awareness on Mon. Mar. 4 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the Udora Community Centre.

The Georgina Pins and Needles craft group will meet at Knox United Church on Tuesday, March 5 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Come on out to the Wilfrid Hall for a St. Patrick's Day celebration on Sat. Mar. 9 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Live Irish music, Irish food. Presales only. Call (705) 437-4845.

The Georgina Brock Garden Club presents Seed Starting for Beginners to Experts on Mon. Mar. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Wilfrid Community Hall.

Connect with employers at the yorkworks Employment Services Spring/Summer Job Fair held at the Link on Thursday, Mar. 14 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Get those creative juices flowing and enter the ever-popular Cardboard Toboggan

Check in at noon. Races start at 1:00 pm.

Therapeutic Tuesday's at Hospice Georgina is pleased to announce Expressive Group Drumming on Tues. Mar. 19 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. This event is available to all clients, caregivers and volunteers at no cost.

If you are looking for a job mark your calendar for the yorkworks Spring and Summer Job Fair at the Link on Thursday, March 14. You can pre-register at (905) 722-1480 to fast track to employers and to get assistance with targeting your resume.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Winter Market at the Link on Sunday, March 17 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Ed Winacott is offering an Open Mic event at the Georgina Arts Centre and Gallery on the 4th Sunday of every month beginning Feb. 24. Open to all skill levels, vocal and instruments. 2:00 to 5:00 pm.

If you love to sing, a community choir rehearsing at St. Andrew's United Church in Sunderland on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm is inviting you to join.

