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Thirty years at Centennial Road!



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By Denise Bacon

We made history! exclaimed a Grade 5 boy after the Centennial Road Comets won the City Championship in ultimate frisbee for the first time last year.

Making history is what Mr. Jordan Holmes has done at Centennial Road Junior Public School for the last 30 years since he arrived in 1996. His teams have won an incredible 16 City Championships across five different sports: volleyball, ice hockey, flag football, slow pitch and ultimate frisbee.

Mr. Holmes hopes to enjoy back-to-back City Championships in ultimate frisbee before he retires at the end of this school year. What an end it would be to an awesome coaching run at Centennial Road!

Mr. Holmes was hired to teach Grade 3 at the school and he quickly took on the role of coach for many sports while teaching various grade levels over the years.

“Practice, practice, practice,” was Mr. Holmes’ mantra. He instilled in his students that if they put in the time and

dedication, they would achieve more than they thought possible. “How many kids can say ‘we are the best?’” Mr. Holmes is proud to say that over the years the Centennial Road Comets were indeed The Best.

Mr. Holmes has used this same philosophy of practice and dedication in the classroom to help students achieve more than they imagined. He has used students’ success in sports as strong motivators to raise them up academically.

“When I was in Grade 6, I had an amazing teacher who made a big impact on me,” Mr. Holmes said. “I now share that teacher’s style to make hard work fun.”

With 30 years under his belt at Centennial Road J.P.S., Mr. Holmes has taught almost a thousand students in class and has coached hundreds more. In recent years, he has taught the children of his students. “It makes you feel a little old,” grinned Mr. Holmes with a touch of nostalgia.

As news of his retirement has spread, this popular teacher has received letters, videos and visits from many of his previous students – a testament to the impact he made on their lives.

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Summertime fun in the community

By Kathy Rowe

There are a number of summer events heading our way and I am happy to report the details.

The **Port Union Waterfront Festival** kicks off the summer fun on Saturday, June 13. Located at the Port Union Village Common, it offers live music, a BBQ, inflatable games for the kids and much more. It begins at 11 a.m. and goes until 3 p.m. Visit our CCRA table and participate in the Mad Science activity. The West Hill-Highland Creek Lions are having their annual early morning Run for the Lions along the waterfront trail. Check-in begins at 7:15 a.m. and the walk/run starts at 8:30 a.m. Register online at runforthelions.ca.

The **Highland Creek Heritage Day Festival** will be held on Saturday, June 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Highland Creek Park, 3500 Ellesmere Road. Games for kids, live music, food trucks and many vendors will be there. This festival is always a fun-filled day.

A **Canada Day Celebration** on **July 1** will be held at the Legion in Highland Creek, which is located at 305 Morrish Rd. The festivities begin at 10 a.m. and there will be lots of attractions until 4 p.m. Enjoy live music, food, a beer garden, a petting zoo and more. See their ad on page 8 for details.

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30 years at Centennial Road

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While Mr. Holmes is looking forward to retiring, he is happy that the Holmes coaching tradition will continue at Centennial as his wife, Mrs. Angela Holmes, will take on the role of coach of the Centennial Comets flag football team. The assistant coach job will always be open for Mr. Holmes to make guest appearances!

Former students can send messages or videos about their time in his class to angela.ritchie@tdsb.on.ca.

Here are edited versions of two that he received:

We both have such fond memories of being in your class and having you as a coach. You had a way of celebrating our strengths while also encouraging us to push ourselves. In fact, our family still quotes your advice: "Remember what Mr. Holmes said – don't give up just because you're not naturally great right away!" We especially admire your dedication to all the extracurriculars you supported. Those experiences meant a lot and taught us just as much as anything in class. Thank you for making school such a fun and positive place to be.

Shannon & Harrison Toms from your Grade 6 classes of 2008 and 2011

I was one of Mr. Holmes' students a long long time ago (28 years old now). He was easily, without a doubt, the best teacher I ever had! In Grade 6, I was quite the ball of energy, playing on all the sports teams. Though one stood out, the hockey team. In my Grade 6 year, we went all the way to city finals and shipped it! What a fun game. I remember in the semi-finals I got five goals, and in the finals I didn't get any. But it was all good, because we won that championship banner!

Kyle Thomas

President's Message

Summer fun

Special thanks to our news team!



By Kathy Rowe

Good day, readers! This June issue of Centennial News will be our final issue while we take a rest for July and August.

I want to thank the Centennial News editorial team, our advertisers and our writers and distributors for being a part of this newspaper over the last 10 months. As you can imagine, writing, publishing, and delivering a community newspaper 10 months a year for over 4,000 homes and businesses is a gigantic undertaking. Our team, consisting mostly of volunteers, works diligently to put together a paper that truly makes us proud.

Today, community news is more important than ever. We hope that you have enjoyed reading this paper as much as we have enjoyed producing it. Centennial News will be back on your doorsteps in September.

Summer Events

There are a variety of family-friendly events happening throughout the community and nearby areas this summer. Please see the details outlined on the front page. I encourage you to follow community area associations (CCRA, West Rouge Sports and Recreation) on social media for event updates.

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Our New September Festival

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 19. We are planning a wonderful way to celebrate the fall season with our friends and families here in Centennial. More details will be revealed on our Facebook and Instagram pages as September comes closer, and you'll be able to read more about it in our September issue. Please see our promotion on page 15.

Sunday Concerts in July

The Sunday Summer Concert Series is back at the Port Union Community Centre this summer with the

same popular bands that were featured last year. All three concerts are organized and funded by volunteers from CCRA, West Rouge Sports and Rec Association, and West Rouge Community Association. Fossil Fire will perform on July 5, Swing Junkies on July 12 and Port United will take the stage on July 19. Bring your chairs and blankets! If it rains, the concerts will be moved inside. Light refreshments will be served at a nominal fee.

Thank You to Vishy!

It's time to bid a fond farewell to Vishy Anandaraj as he prepares to graduate from Mowat to pursue a university degree in financial management and accounting at the University of Waterloo. Vishy has been a committed CCRA board member since entering Grade 9. Within those years he has been a Centennial News carrier and writer, a social media content creator, and our CCRA youth liaison with Mowat. At school, Vishy has played on both the boys and co-ed volleyball teams as well as club volleyball outside of school for the Halton Hurricanes. In addition to all of that, he joined the Grade 12 boys soccer team. I want to thank Vishy for his three years of dedication to the CCRA. On behalf of our board, I wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

The CCRA wishes you all a safe and happy summer!



From the top: Fossil Fire, Swing Junkies, and dancing to Port United at the Sunday Summer Concerts at Port Union CC last summer. All three bands will be back to entertain you in July.

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American Crackdown

U.S. prevents him from returning home to Sarasota

By Kathryn Stocks

Meet David. He is here in Centennial living the nightmare of the U.S. administration's policy to crack down hard on unwanted residents. David had lived here from the age of 15 and he attended Mowat Collegiate. At the age of 28, he moved to the U.S. and built a life there.

Over the past 30 years he has lived in South Carolina, Georgia, Texas, and most recently in Sarasota, Florida, with his partner. His two grown daughters live in Georgia. Now at the age of 60, he is trapped in Canada and unable to return to his home, family and job as the owner of a soccer club.

It all changed for David in May 2025 when he came back for a week to renew his Canadian passport and visit his parents who still live in Centennial. He had come for a visit in May 2024 as well and he had returned easily to the U.S. that time. "Last year was a whole different story," he said. "When Trump came back, everything changed."

After his visit a year ago, his father dropped him off at the airport to catch his flight back to the U.S. David noticed there was a different system at



A former Centennial resident who has lived in the U.S. for the past 30 years was refused entry to that country when he tried to return a year ago.

the airport this time and he had to be fingerprinted. His name was called and he was taken to a back room that was jam-packed with a few hundred other worried people.

The U.S. border officials who interrogated David didn't believe his story and one interviewer slammed his hand on the desk and demanded that he tell the truth. David said he was treated "like a frigging terrorist."

That was when he found out that his green card, which allowed him to work in the U.S., had expired. They told him he would be banned from

entering America for life. "I was dumbfounded," he said. "I couldn't think. I was in shock." As someone who has paid taxes there, has social security, and had plenty of background checks because he works with kids as a soccer coach, he couldn't understand what was happening. No one had asked him for his green card the last time he was here so he hadn't worried about it.

David recently found out that it will take him at least three years to get back into the U.S., and he has hired an immigration lawyer in Buffalo to help him sort it out. Meanwhile, he has

been living with his parents for the past year, hasn't been able to see his girlfriend or daughters the whole time, he can't find a full-time job here, and he can only get a G2 driver's licence.

It's hard to imagine having your life upended so abruptly for no good reason. His partner in Florida had to sell their condo because she couldn't afford the payments for it on her own, and he doesn't have the money to bring her or his daughters

to Canada for a visit.

But David's trying hard to stay positive and one thing he is grateful for is the support of his parents. "God bless my parents," he said. "If not for them, I would have been living on the street."

David has found part-time jobs at a pickleball place and a soccer club in Oshawa, but he said it's nothing like the money he made in America. As he ponders his future, he is no longer sure he even wants to go back. "My whole life has changed," he said. "One guy dictated my whole life!"

Editor's note: We have not included David's last name in this story because we don't want to jeopardize his chances of returning to the U.S.

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Densification

New condos mark a turning point for Centennial

By Don Lawrence
and Amaan Jabbar

Positioned near Kingston Rd. and Port Union, the two-tower Narrative condominium project is one of the most significant residential densification efforts on the eastern edge of Scarborough. Once defined almost entirely by detached homes, quiet streets and lakeside living, the area is gradually evolving into a denser, transit-oriented corridor.

The development consists of 422 condominium units across two towers rising above street level retail businesses and is expected to bring about 1,000 additional residents into the area. Centennial now has around 14,500 residents. The Narrative has hundreds of parking spaces, bicycle storage and will have a small developer-funded park that will be handed over to the city.

Developments such as The Narrative align with long-standing City of Toronto objectives to direct growth toward transit-supported corridors while limiting outward suburban expansion. The city's Official Plan encourages complete communities through mixed-use housing, improved walkability, housing supply, and access to parks, services and transit.

Similarly, the Kingston Road Revitalization Study identifies



Our area is evolving into a denser, transit-oriented corridor with the Narrative condos near Port Union Rd.

Kingston Rd. as a corridor where carefully planned intensification can support new housing, strengthen local retail, improve public spaces, support transit ridership, and provide opportunities for younger residents and downsizing seniors to stay in the community.

The Narrative reflects many of these goals through higher-density housing near Rouge Hill GO station, ground-floor commercial uses, bicycle parking, and new publicly accessible parkland. However, planners also recognize that successful intensification depends on matching population growth with investments in infrastructure, schools, parks, transportation capacity, and community services to ensure neighbourhood livability is maintained.

This project reflects a broader shift occurring across Toronto's suburban neighbourhoods, where traditional low-rise communities are increasingly expected to accommodate growth as part of provincial and municipal housing targets. Planning policy has moved toward viewing corridors like Kingston Rd. not only as transportation routes, but as places for mixed-use living, daily services, and more diverse housing options.

For long-established communities like Centennial, these developments raise larger questions about how neighbourhood character can evolve while still preserving access to green space, community identity, and the qualities that have historically attracted residents to the area. Successful growth will likely depend not

simply on adding housing, but on ensuring new development contributes to a complete, connected and resilient community.

Traffic congestion during peak commuting hours is a frequently raised issue among residents as many more vehicles will be using local roads, based on almost 500 parking spaces across the two towers. The Port Union Road project reflects Toronto's broader shift toward safer, more multimodal corridors that balance vehicle movement with pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.

Schools, parks and local services were largely designed around low-density growth patterns, not rapid population increases. Residents worry that the increase in density could permanently alter the quieter suburban character that has defined this area.

The Narrative condos mark a turning point for Port Union. A broader transformation is now occurring across Toronto's eastern edges, where additional developments are planned along eastern Scarborough transit corridors.

Combined, these projects could bring more than 4,000 new residential units to the area, which means that established low-rise communities like ours will be increasingly reshaped by higher density projects in the future.

Amaan Jabbar is an MPI. Graduate Planner.

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Community

New leadership at the Port Union Library

By Shelley Cooke

The Port Union Library has welcomed a new head librarian, Joey Milligan, who recently joined the location following his transfer from Highland Creek Library.

Milligan has worked within the library system since 2005, when he was first hired as a page. Over the years, his career progressed through a variety of roles, eventually leading him into the technology and innovation field where he served as a digital design technician at branches including North York Central.

For Milligan, working in libraries wasn't just a career choice, it stemmed from a childhood tradition of visiting the library each week. He fondly recalls his regular visits to the Albert Campbell Library at Birchmount and Danforth with his mother.

"My mom really fostered my love of reading," he said. "It became a tradition for us to visit the library and then stop at the bakery for a croissant afterward." Coincidentally, Milligan later returned to Albert Campbell as a digital technician, bringing his career back to the library where his reading began.

When asked about his priorities for Port Union Library, Milligan said he hopes to introduce a weekly STEAM and STEM program during the summer,



Head librarian Joey Milligan hopes to introduce a weekly STEAM and STEM program in the summer.

with the goal of continuing it throughout the school year through school visits coordinated with teachers. He also plans to expand access to robotics kits for patrons.

Another goal for Milligan is to increase programming for young adults, including activities centred around Dungeons & Dragons and other tabletop role-playing games. Since arriving at Port Union, Milligan has noticed the game's broad appeal across

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generations. "We have senior players as well as kids as young as eight," he said.

For individuals with limited or no computer experience, Milligan will be introducing beginner-friendly computer programs. The sessions will start with the basics, such as using a mouse, before progressing to more advanced topics including Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, Word, and internet safety.

As technology continues to evolve rapidly, public libraries are adapting to meet changing community needs.

Milligan explained that this shift is especially visible in the growing demand for e-books and streaming services. He also expects increased use of the "book-a-librarian" service to help patrons, particularly older adults, learn how to navigate new tools such as AI.

To reach residents who may not have previously visited a library, Milligan is developing outreach initiatives aimed at increasing awareness and participation. He hopes to partner with nearby libraries, such as Highland Creek, and host an information booth at local events like the Port Union Waterfront Festival and Winterfest, where he can engage with the community and promote the library services.

Milligan emphasizes the importance of community building, noting that libraries serve as vital hubs that help bring energy and connection to neighbourhoods. "It provides free services to everyone and has no barriers," he said.

As the new branch head, Joey Milligan aims to strengthen the role of Port Union Library as a welcoming and inclusive community space. Through expanded programming, outreach initiatives, and increased opportunities for learning and engagement, he hopes to encourage greater participation in library services.

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Books

Classic children's mystery stories still delight

By Amanda Pompilii

Nancy Drew: The Secret of the Old Clock

By Carolyn Keene

Publisher and Publication Year: Simon and Schuster, 1930

The Hardy Boys: The Tower Treasure

By Franklin W. Dixon

Publisher and Publication Year: Simon and Schuster, 1927

Originally written in the early 20th century, Nancy Drew and The Hardy Boys have stood the test of time, becoming synonymous with the children's mystery genre and memorialized as a nostalgic tribute to amateur sleuths everywhere in both pop culture and the memories of the series' readers.

The first Nancy Drew book, *The Secret of the Old Clock*, focuses on 18-year-old Nancy Drew, who has a penchant for solving her lawyer father's most puzzling cases. One day, Nancy rescues a young girl, Judy Turner, who was wandering on the road. When she returns Judy to the care of her aunts, she learns that the Turners' eccentric and wealthy cousin, Josiah Crowley, has just passed, and despite his promise to leave his fortune to the Turners – and several

other relatives – his will instead states that he has left his entire estate to the greedy Topham family. Rumour has it, however, that Crowley had made and hidden a second will just before his death – one in which he has left his wealth to his previously intended beneficiaries.

What follows is a thrilling chase as Nancy searches for an antique timepiece that just might hold the clue she needs to crack the case of Crowley's secret will.

The first Hardy Boys book, *The Tower Treasure*, follows 18-year-old Frank Hardy and his 17-year-old brother, Joe, who rival their famous detective father in their crime-solving talent. The boys' mystery begins when their friend, Chet, finds that his beloved yellow jalopy has been stolen. Just as the brothers close in on the thief, they are shaken by news that the Tower Mansion, owned by the reclusive and wealthy Applegate siblings, was also robbed.

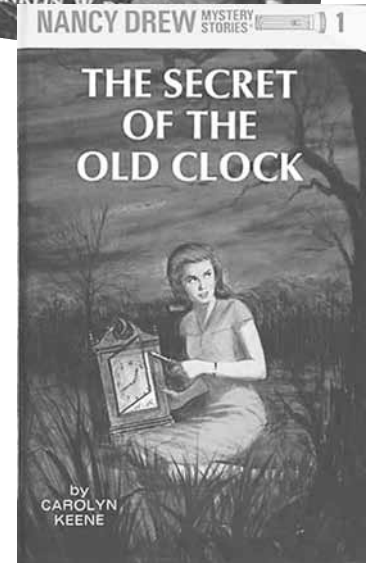
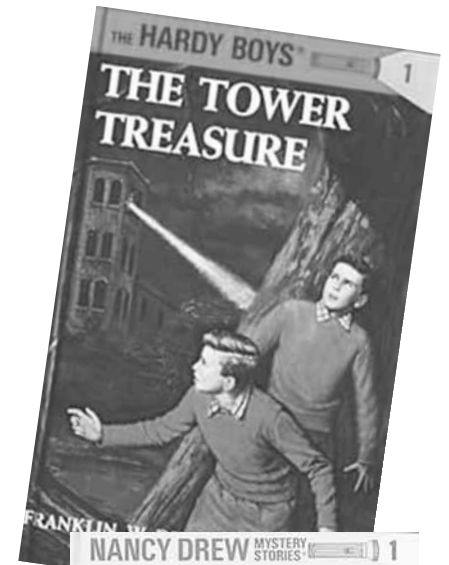
Worse still, the Applegates have accused their caretaker – the father of the Hardy brothers' friend, Henry "Slim" Robinson – of being the culprit. Determined to clear Mr. Robinson's name and convinced that the two thefts are connected, Frank and Joe team up with their father and friends in a perilous search that involves New

At the heart of these tales are the messages that the best solutions are not always the easiest to spot, and every problem can be overcome by believing in oneself, having compassion, and thinking outside the box.

York City theatres, hidden trap doors, and crumbling staircases.

I personally loved how timeless and relatable the protagonists were. Although written almost a hundred years ago, Nancy's ability to escape the toughest obstacles using her self-confidence and intuition is still inspiring today. Similarly, Frank and Joe's teamwork and perseverance, even when stumped on a clue, will resonate with readers of all ages.

At the heart of these tales are the messages that the best solutions are not always the easiest to spot, and every problem can be overcome by believing in oneself, having compassion, and thinking outside the box.



Aspiring sleuths – new or returning to the series – will have fun deciphering clues alongside Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys, and earning their own amateur detective badges as they follow each twist to its ultimate exciting reveal.

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GRACE CHURCH WEST HILL

Good neighbours in our shared community

Grace Church extends an invitation to all residents from our local and neighbouring communities to come together for connection, shared experiences, and strengthening of community and individual ties.

By Dan Nortés, Elder



Since 1950, your friends at Grace Church West Hill have sought to be good neighbours to our shared community. Founded by our friends at Melville Presbyterian Church with a specific mandate on delivering a Sunday School to our community, the focus is on serving children, youth and families.

Whether it's vibrant and creative worship, amazing children and youth ministries, or a Friday afternoon homework club to help support our young learners, Grace strives to find creative ways to serve by seeing a need and then meeting it.

Fast forward to 2026 and we are thrilled to continue that legacy of striving to serve and want you to know that all are welcome at Grace – there is always a place for you. Grace is filled with people just like you from all walks of life, from all parts of the world, and all finding community and a place to explore, connect and grow together.

At the heart of Grace is the multi-generational and multicultural family that we are, with a common purpose in the various ways we strive to serve. One of our most well-known ministries includes our annual Vacation Bible School (VBS).

We have pickleball, too! Our Amazing Grace Pickleball Group launches annually as soon as the weather permits in the spring, and runs through to the fall.

There is so much more that happens at Grace regularly, we are sure you will find your place. Do you love music? Come and enjoy or join our choir/praise team. Looking for a small group to explore and connect with? Check out one of our Life Groups. Interested in helping to meet needs in our community? Consider helping with our Diaconal Team or Food Bank ministry.

If you would like to explore more about Grace, you can find all the information we have shared and lots more at our church website at gracewesthill.ca.

Alvin Kim, Senior Pastor

Pastor Alvin Kim became the senior minister at Grace in 2019 after serving as a youth pastor for 18 years. He is married to his wife, Esther, and they have three children, Kingsley, Brooklyn and Elias.

Alvin is thankful for the generations of those who served and volunteered and helped grow the VBS (Vacation Bible School) in years past and up to this present time. He's excited about the ways that VBS (half day for a week) and now the five weeks of full-day camps can be of real service to the community.



Left, Cricket Krishnapillai, Youth and Young Adult Director, with Thanu Boteju, Director of Children and Family Ministries, discuss plans for the upcoming summer programs at Grace.

The heart and soul of Grace's child, youth and young adult programs

By Kathy Rew and Pamela Collins

Thanu

Thanu Boteju has been attending Grace Church for the past 16 years. She took on the role of Director of Children and Family Ministries in 2013. Thanu is originally from Sri Lanka and came to Canada 19 years ago as a skilled migrant. She served as a primary school teacher before immigrating to Canada, and she studied child psychology while working as a teacher.

Thanu is married to Nil, who serves as an elder at Grace, and together they have three children, Shanara, Shanessa and Joshua. She also works for the Toronto Public Library.

Thanu enjoys working with children, organizing many community events such as the Fall Festival, Valentine's party, Easter egg hunts and summer camps.

Along with a dedicated team of volunteers, she leads Vacation Bible School and summer camps for six weeks in the summer. These camps are very popular in the community.

Cricket

Kirushanthan (Cricket) Krishnapillai started as the Youth and Young Adult Director at Grace Church in May 2025, working in partnership with Youth Unlimited in Toronto. He is married to Kamal, who serves alongside him in ministry.

Born in Sri Lanka, Cricket immigrated to Canada with his family in 2003. After high school, he studied Police Foundations, went on to study Child and Youth Care, and is currently pursuing his degree in Biblical Studies and Theology. Cricket has extensive experience working with youth and children, having served as a camp counselor, camp director, outreach worker, after-school program coordinator, and sports coordinator.

His diverse educational background reflects his lifelong passion for supporting others. "We chose to serve at Grace as we truly felt a sense of community here," he said. "I had incredible mentors who poured into my life, and my goal and prayer is to have that same impact on the youth and young adults here at Grace."

The foundational goals of the youth programs at Grace align directly with the heartbeat of the church: Explore, Connect and Grow in Grace.



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Happy Grace campers in 2025.

Make friends and memories close to home this summer

Get ready for an unforgettable summer at Grace Church! Our specialized, day-long summer camps are open to the public, offering a safe, high-energy environment where kids learn, play, and grow. Run by trained summer staff and dedicated volunteers, our programs tailor fun recreational activities to every age level. Beyond the excitement, our camps focus on teaching teamwork, responsibility, spirituality, integrity, and kindness to help kids make great life choices.

ning showcase to enjoy live performances and a gallery display of their child's artwork.

- Sports Camp (July 20 – July 24): Focused on active games, friendly tournaments, and team-building.
- Adventures Weeks (July 27–31 & August 4–7): Features exciting themed days, crafts, and games. We wrap up the final day of camp with a fantastic carnival full of games and prizes.

Our 2026 Summer Schedule

- Vacation Bible School (June 29 – July 3): Packed with engaging Bible stories, energetic games, and crafts.
- Arts Weeks (July 6–10 & July 13–17): Campers dive into art, drama, and dance. Parents are warmly invited to a Friday eve-

Registration is open to everyone!

Location: Grace Church, 447 Port Union Road, Scarborough

Contact: Secure your spot by contacting Thanu Boteju at 416-284-8424 or email tboteju@gracwesthill.ca.

“The camp is very affordable and truly feels like each dollar goes back into creating many memorable activities for our children. The counsellors are warm and attentive.

What stands out the most is they are participating in a play which parents can go to on the evening of the last day of the camps, building confidence in the children. We are very grateful to have this camp in our area.”

M Ward, Centennial resident

Local and neighbouring community members are always welcome

Grace Church creates welcoming opportunities for people of all ages to connect, grow, and build meaningful friendships within the community. Open to everyone, regardless of religious background, the church's outreach programs are designed to create a warm and supportive environment where neighbours can gather, learn, and encourage one another.

DOXA Prep Academic Support



DOXA PREP (Partner, Relate, Engage, Promote) is a Scarborough-based academic

support and mentorship program that helps youth grow academically, socially, and spiritually. Through tutoring, small-group learning, and practical soft skills development, students build confidence, strengthen relationships, and gain tools for success in school and beyond. By partnering with certified teachers and educators, DOXA PREP equips youth to reach their full potential and make a positive impact in their families and communities.

Founded in 2006, DOXA is a Scarborough based network which invests in the next generation through mentorship, outreach, and community impact.

Children



Volunteer teams use Bible stories, crafts, games, and songs to ensure that every week is a fun

and meaningful experience. Throughout the year, children can also look forward to several special events, including Valentine's celebrations, Palm Sunday, Easter, Mother's and Father's Day celebrations, Vacation Bible School, Grace Summer Camps, our Fall Festival, and the annual Christmas play and presentation.

At the Christmas Children's Service, the many volunteers within the church help to execute this wonderful family service, open to the community, with decorations, a Christmas drama, and a present for every child.

CCRA board member, Kathleen Rew, is very active in the ministry of the church and works with the Sunday School program.

Fellowship & Community Connection



Grace hosts several fellowship opportunities that help strengthen community

ties. Ladies Day Apart is an annual event designed to give women a chance to pause, relax, and enjoy renewal away from the pressures of daily life. Women of all ages and stages are invited to participate in a meaningful and refreshing experience.

Men's Coffee Fellowship brings men together on Saturday mornings for casual conversation, friendship, and encouragement over coffee. Meanwhile, 2nd Timothy's Fellowship meets weekly on Wednesday mornings, offering light refreshments and uplifting conversation in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

Youth and Young Adult Programs



Programs at Grace offer a healthy balance of spiritual growth, friendship, and fun social activities.

Each month follows a rhythm that allows students to connect in different ways.

Classic Youth nights, held on the second Friday, provide intentional opportunities for spiritual growth through Scripture discussions, and interactive games and activities. The third and fourth Fridays focus on outreach and community connection through sports nights, bowling, mini-golf, skating, and other fun outings. These evenings are designed to be welcoming and accessible, encouraging students to invite friends.

For young adults, Grace offers gatherings twice each month that combine spiritual learning with social connection. Participants explore spiritual disciplines together while also enjoying a wide variety of social outings, including skating, bowling, Activate, and other group activities. The program brings together people from different stages of life and faith journeys, creating an atmosphere where everyone feels welcome.

Pickleball at Grace



Grace also continues to grow its popular community pickleball program. Open to adult

neighbours of all skill levels, the Amazing Grace Pickleball Group meets regularly on outdoor courts located behind the church. Newcomers are always welcome, and paddles along with beginner instruction are provided for those trying the sport for the first time.

More information about all community programs can be found at Grace Church's website: gracwesthill.ca.

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Baseball clinics just for girls



Girls from 8 to 19 can take part in two baseball clinics coming up on June 6 and June 13 at the Heron Park Baseball Field.

By Kathryn Stocks


The LeadHer Diamond Program is a new community-driven initiative focused on creating opportunities to play baseball for girls 8 to 19. In May, the program hosted its first girls baseball clinic in Scarborough at the Heron Park Baseball Field and 35 girls showed up. They came out to learn about baseball in an all-girls environment designed just for them. LeadHer will be hosting two more clinics this month, on June 6 and 13.

Through the LeadHer Diamond Program, the Valkyries team was formed. It is Scarborough's only all-girls baseball team, and they either play boys teams or head to Etobicoke or Kingston to play another girls team. LeadHer founder and program organizer Karen Young said that right now there is no dedicated baseball league for girls in Scarborough, but she and her daughters, who are 14 and 19, want to start one.

"There's a real need," Karen said, "and when you create the opportunity, the girls show up, support each other, and something really special starts to build."

The LeadHer Diamond Program is hosted by the West Hill Baseball League and delivered in association with the Scarborough Baseball Association.

If you're interested in this program, contact Karen on Instagram @Leadher_Diamond_Program or send an email to leadherbaseball.karen@gmail.com.



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Councillor Neethan Shan, Scarborough–Rouge Park

Updates for the Centennial community

Centennial Park Improvements

At our Winter Centennial Neighbourhood Community Forum, we heard from parents and residents about the dire condition of the Centennial Rd. Park and the need to revitalize the park space.

We worked with Parks and Recreation and they have committed to moving forward with improvements to the Centennial Park playground. Through the City's 2026 Capital Budget and Plan, the playground is scheduled for rehabilitation in 2027-2028. Early design work and community engagement are expected to begin in spring 2027, giving residents an opportunity to help shape the future of the space.



Councillor Shan door knocking in the Centennial Neighbourhood.

Port Union Road Reopening

Port Union Road is now fully open, with bike paths along the corridor accessible once again. This supports safer travel for cyclists and pedestrians while strengthening an important active transportation route in Scarborough–Rouge Park. I will continue advocating for infrastructure improvements that keep our community connected and safe.

Councillor Shan Garden Awards

I am inviting residents to nominate gardens that help make Scarborough–Rouge Park more vibrant, welcoming and environmentally friendly. To rec-

ommend a garden, please email councillor_shan@toronto.ca.

Safety Roundtable

Our office is hosting a Safety Roundtable on June 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Heron Park Community Centre. Residents are invited to share concerns, lived experiences, and ideas related to community safety priorities. Community input remains essential in shaping responsive local solutions.

Seniors Forum

I will also be hosting a Seniors Forum on June 22 at 4:00 p.m. at Port Union Community Centre. This forum will

provide seniors with an opportunity to connect, share feedback, and learn more about local programs and supports.

Community Cleanups

As part of the Clean Toronto Together campaign, my office served as a local distribution hub where residents picked up cleanup supplies, including garbage bags and gloves, to support environmental efforts across parks and public spaces.

Thank you to everyone who organized and participated in community cleanups throughout the neighbourhood. A special thank you to the CCRA and the Earth Day community group for their leadership in strengthening environmental stewardship and community pride.

Staying Connected in the Community

My office will continue engaging residents through outreach initiatives, including Shan in the Park and Coffee with Shan. These gatherings create opportunities to connect directly with residents, hear feedback, and stay grounded in the day-to-day experiences of the community. More information is available at councillor-shan.ca, where residents can also sign up for our newsletter and updates.

Toronto Nature Stewards

Doing great work on waterfront trail

By Kathryn Stocks

Toronto Nature Stewards is an organization of hard-working volunteers who remove invasive species on public land in ravines and natural areas in Toronto. The stewards meet as small local groups to care for sites that have been approved by the city. Here in Centennial, we have a stewarding group led by four trained lead stewards that gathers once a week in spring, summer and fall to remove invasive species and plant native plants along our waterfront trail.

This is the group's third year and they would love to have more volunteers. They meet every Sunday, weather permitting, at the Rouge Hill GO station exit to the waterfront trail from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. It's a short walk east from the Port Union Village Common Park and there is ample parking at the GO station. You can take the stairs to get to the south platform, then exit at the gate to the lawn area with the fantastic view of the lake.

If you'd like to join them, be sure to wear long pants tucked into your socks, closed toe shoes, sunscreen, insect repellent, and bring along a water bottle and charged cell phone. They have insect repellent and extra gloves if needed. They can also provide volunteer hours for students. Those under 16 need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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Congrats to All Graduates!

It is always a proud moment to celebrate the achievements of graduates who have

worked tirelessly to reach this important milestone. Your dedication and commitment have brought you to this day, and you deserve to be recognized for all that you have accomplished. As you begin this new chapter of your journey as a student, know that your hard work has prepared you for a bright future ahead.

Congratulations to all graduates across our community this school year. I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavours.

New Primary Care Medical Record System

I'm proud that our government is taking bold steps to strengthen Ontario's healthcare system and make sure people get the care they need, when they need it.

A big part of this plan is a new provincewide Primary Care Medical

Record system. This will connect patient records, reduce paperwork for doctors, and make care more convenient for patients. No more repeating your medical history, so doctors can spend more time focused on patients.

With a \$3.4 billion investment in primary care, we're working to ensure everyone has access to a family doctor by 2029. Already this year, 330,000 people are being connected to care.

This is about building a healthcare system that works for our families, close to home and for years to come. I'm excited to keep working to make that a reality for our community.

Faster Police Record Checks

We are taking action to reduce wait times for police record checks so people can access jobs, volunteer opportunities, and other important opportunities faster. By improving and speeding up the process, we are making it easier for individuals and families to move forward while continuing to protect vulnerable members of our communities.

This ongoing action provides efficient public services and keeps streets and communities safe across the province.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to our office at 8130 Sheppard Ave. East Unit 105, by email at vijay.thanigasalam@pc.ola.org, or give us a call at 416-283-8448.

Nature

Coexisting with urban wildlife

By Shelley Cooke

Residents in Centennial have a close connection to nature with wildlife sightings a regular part of daily life. The spring mating season brings increased activity and more frequent encounters with animals like coyotes and skunks. Urban areas offer easy access to food sources as well as sheltered spaces. Coyotes adapt well to cities where natural predators are limited.

Earlier this spring I had a closer-than-comfortable encounter with a coyote on my morning walk. The next day while driving along Meadowvale, another coyote darted in front of my car, nearly causing an accident. Understanding these behaviours helps reduce unnecessary fear. Coyotes are generally shy and tend to avoid humans, while skunks are docile and only spray as a last line of defence.

We can coexist with wildlife by reducing attractants like garbage, compost, and fallen fruit. Keeping pets supervised also helps minimize risk. If a coyote is encountered, making yourself appear larger and making noise can help defuse the situation. With skunks, the priority is avoidance so move slowly and give them space. By taking steps to reduce conflict, residents can play a role in creating a safer environment for people and animals.

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Expanding student support

We are almost there! Spring is in bloom, the weather is getting warmer, and summer is just around the corner. With that, I am pleased to share some of the work your federal government is doing to support Canadians and strengthen our community.

Fuel Relief is Here

Canada's federal government has suspended the full amount of the tax on gasoline and diesel until September 7. This is expected to lower costs at the pump by approximately 10 cents per litre for regular gasoline and 4 cents per litre for diesel. The government is also temporarily suspending the federal Fuel Excise Tax on aviation fuels. These measures are intended to provide timely relief and help make travel more affordable for Canadians.

Expanded Student Support

Post-secondary education is one of the most important investments we can make in our future, opening doors to new opportunities and equipping Canadians with the skills they need to succeed. That is why the federal government is continuing to make education more affordable by extending temporary increases to Canada Student Financial Assistance grants and loans for the 2026-27 academic year.

This support includes:

- A 40 percent increase to non-repayable grants for full-time and part-time students, including students with disabilities and students with dependants.
- Higher weekly loan limits, increasing from \$210 to \$300 per week of study to better reflect rising education costs.

These measures are part of a continued effort to help ease financial pressures on students and families, ensuring more Canadians can pursue post-secondary education with greater confidence and support.

Canada Day!

As Canada Day approaches, our office will once again be providing Canada flags to constituents. If you would like one, please contact our office to arrange pickup before the end of June.



Community



Fall Fest is coming

Heads up, Centennial! Join CCRA and celebrate the fall season at Fall Fest 2026.

This new community festival will happen on Saturday, September 19 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

There will be fun for everyone, so put it in your calendars now!

We are looking for vendors. If interested, Please email Karen Dias at: fallfest@ccranews.com

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Go Electric

Cleaning, greening and quieting our community



By Tom Rataj

The growing season is now in full swing with flowers blooming, trees and shrubs budding and flowering, and lawns coming to life. Many of us have already gotten to work preparing our properties for the summer days ahead, and are excited about spending lots of time outdoors.

Much of this preparation and maintenance relies on powered yard-care machines, typically lawnmowers, string-trimmers, and leaf blowers. All these machines have traditionally been powered by gas, but corded and cordless electric models now domi-

nate retail selections for many enticing reasons.

Air Pollution

All the gas machines are big air and noise polluters. A typical 3.5 HP gas lawnmower can produce the same amount of smog-causing pollution in an hour of use as driving a gas car for 550 km! Gas string-trimmers and leaf-blowers aren't any better. Gasoline also releases toxic emissions and always presents an environmental and fire hazard.

Noise Pollution

All of these small gas machines are also extremely noisy and disturb the peace far from their point of use. A gas lawnmower can generate as much as 100 dB of noise, which can cause hearing loss. Gas string-trimmers and leaf blowers are almost as noisy.

Alternatives

Clean, quiet and zero-emission electric yard-care machines to the rescue! Corded electric models are the cheapest option, but are tethered with a long extension cord. Battery-electric machines are pricier and have all the freedom of the gas models. Although more expensive than the corded ones, many decent models can be found in the same price range as middle-of-the-road gas models.

The latest battery technologies provide excellent power and run time allowing users to tackle a typical Centennial-sized property on one charge. Their performance can be on par with gas models, easily tackling typical conditions with power to spare.

Electric lawn mowers are 50-75% quieter than gas models, producing only a mild hum. Electric string trimmers and leaf blowers are also substantially quieter, although to a lesser degree.

Batteries

At the lower end of the market are 18V batteries with 4.0Ah of power/endurance, while the higher end batteries will have 40V or even 60V power and 10Ah endurance. Bigger is better in this case. String trimmers and leaf blowers don't need as much power as a lawnmower so 18V / 4.0Ah is perfectly adequate.

Batteries can be fully charged in less than an hour and are easier and safer to manage than gasoline. They also last for years.

So, if you're in the market for a new lawnmower, leaf blower or trimmer, consider going electric. You'll love how quiet they are and your neighbours will appreciate it, too.

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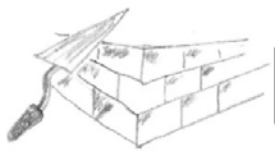
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Long-term Care

Glen Rouge Community

By Nadia Daniell-Colarossi

We are pleased to share that planning for the construction of the new Glen Rouge Community on Island Rd. is underway marking an important step forward in redeveloping the home into a modern long-term care community to provide the best amenities for residents, families and team members.

The new Glen Rouge will be a multi-level home for 448 residents, and will be built on the existing property. Our design of the community supports a more personal, home-like atmosphere, with warm and inviting indoor and outdoor spaces where residents can take part in activities, receive care, connect with others, and enjoy everyday moments together.

A project such as this requires many steps and we are working closely with the Ontario Ministry of Long-Term Care and the City of Toronto. As new updates about the redevelopment of Glen Rouge become available we will be sharing them with residents, families, team members and members of the community. The time frame for it is three years.

Nadia Daniell-Colarossi is Sr. Director of Public Affairs at Sienna Senior Living (previously known as Altamont Care Community.)

Safety

Summer safety starts at home

By Kazi Anwar (Vice President, Community Police Liaison)

Recent increases in break-and-enter incidents across the Centennial community have raised understandable concerns among residents. While these crimes can be unsettling, there are many practical steps residents can take to reduce the risk of becoming a target.

Most residential break-ins are crimes of opportunity, meaning thieves often look for homes that are easy to access, poorly secured or obviously unoccupied. One of the most effective ways to protect your home is to make it look lived in at all times. Homes that appear empty are far more attractive to criminals. If you are away for work, vacation, or even a weekend trip, ask a trusted neighbour or family member to check on your property regularly.

Collecting flyers, bringing in garbage bins, and picking up packages can make a big difference.

An often overlooked sign that nobody is home is an overgrown lawn. During the summer months, grass and weeds can grow quickly, making it obvious that a property has been unattended for days or weeks. Arrange for someone to mow the lawn, water plants if needed, and keep weeds under control while you are away. A well-maintained property sends the message that someone is actively watching the home.



Ask a neighbour to collect your mail, bring in garbage bins, and pick up packages while you're away.

Lighting is another important prevention tool. Toronto Police recommend using timers for indoor lights to create the appearance that someone is home during the evening hours. Motion-activated lighting around entrances, driveways and backyards can also discourage suspicious activity by removing hiding spots for thieves.

Homeowners should regularly check the physical security of doors and windows. A strong one-inch deadbolt lock on exterior doors provides far better protection than standard locks or chain locks. Sliding patio doors and basement windows are common entry points for criminals and should be secured properly. Simple prevention hacks such as placing a wooden dowel or security bar in the track of sliding doors can make forced entry much more difficult.

Another important habit is locking

doors and windows even when you are home or working in the backyard. Police services across Canada note that many thieves simply test for unlocked entry points because they are looking for the easiest opportunity.

Landscaping can also impact safety. Large bushes, overgrown hedges, and tree branches blocking windows or entrances can provide cover for criminals trying to avoid being seen. Keeping shrubs trimmed and maintaining clear sightlines around doors and windows helps neighbours notice suspicious activity.

Technology can provide another layer of protection. Doorbell cameras, outdoor security cameras, and alarm systems not only deter criminals but may also help police identify suspects if a crime occurs. Even visible cameras and security signs can make a home less appealing to thieves.

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Culinary Corner

Eating outdoors is a summer highlight



Potato salad, left, and veggies with yogurt dip are perfect for al fresco dining.

By Kathryn McLean

Ah, June. That means it's summertime with bright mornings and long evenings enjoyed just sitting on the porch or watering gardens, and weekends spent outdoors.

It's time to savour dinner on the deck or patio with friends and family. I love the summer, and my family looks forward to enjoying meals together outside, whether it's coffee and breakfast, sandwiches on crusty buns at lunch, or pizza from the grill with garden salad at dinner.

We also enjoy snacks featuring all the local seasonal produce we wait all year to taste again: spring asparagus, strawberries, and salad greens from the garden.

Throughout the season we turn to what's freshest and prepare that for our next meal. This might include berries and orchard fruits, or snap peas and green beans with hummus or homemade yogurt dip. We have so many fresh options growing locally in the GTA. Because they are picked when fresh, not picked and shipped long distances, the local fruits and vegetables are so flavourful. And most of them need very little preparation to bring out their best.

So here are a few ideas for simple dishes to make the most of seasonal summer produce.

Stone Fruit and Cheese Salad

This is barely a salad. Simply cut stone fruit (any of apricot, peach, nectarine, cherry or plum) into slices. Combine with crumbled feta or sliced or torn fresh mozzarella, bocconcini or burrata. Finish with a pinch of salt and pepper and a drizzle of extra virgin olive oil. Add some fresh herbs if you like, then lightly toss together and enjoy

Yogurt Dip for Veggies

Start with 1 cup of plain yogurt. Stir in 1 teaspoon of fresh lemon or lime juice. Add a pinch each of salt, black pepper and cumin. Add some chopped fresh herbs, about a tablespoonful. If you don't have any fresh herbs, add 1 teaspoon of dried herbs.

Stir everything, and serve with veggie sticks, snap peas, beans, bite-sized tomatoes, chunks of radish, sliced cucumber, pieces of cauliflower or broccoli, or any other fresh veggies you prefer.

Potato Salad

Potato salad can have as many or as few ingredients as you like. The base recipe is chunks of boiled potatoes dressed with wine vinegar (most vinegars will work), extra virgin olive oil, plus salt and pepper.

You can stop there or add any of these: chopped herbs, grainy mustard, boiled egg pieces, chopped spinach/kale/beet stems, small halved tomatoes, chopped celery, chickpeas, roasted or marinated veggies (peppers, mushrooms, eggplant), diced red or green onion, chopped pickles or olives or any other veggies that you think will work well. Combine everything gently and enjoy it cold.

Detailed Directions

Add chopped potatoes to salted water, bring to a boil, and cook until a knife can easily pierce to the centre of a potato piece.

Drain the potatoes, return to the pot or transfer to a large bowl.

Add the remaining ingredients and stir gently but thoroughly to coat everything in the dressing.

For potato salad dressing, use equal parts vinegar and extra virgin olive oil, plus a sprinkle of salt and pepper.

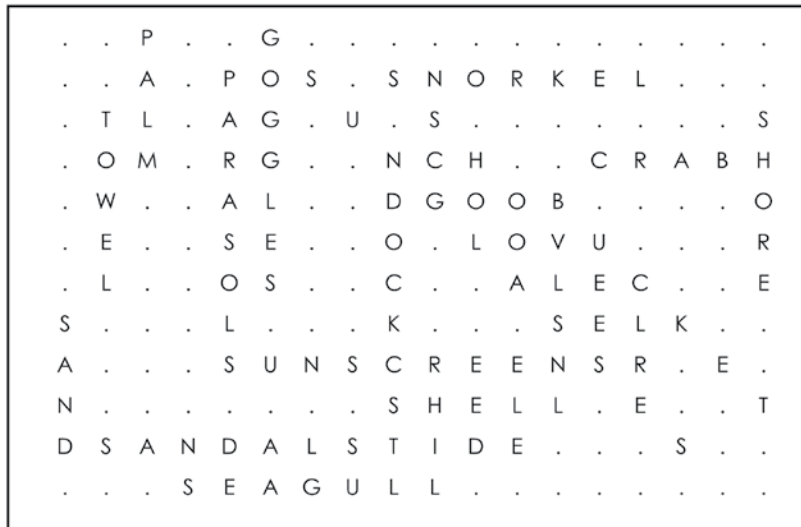
Consider making this simple dressing, and adjusting it to your taste. Use it for any salad, and add a few extra sprinkles of vinegar to your potato salad.

Simplest Dressing

- 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
 - 1/4 cup wine vinegar or lemon juice
 - 1/2 tsp salt
 - 1/4 tsp black pepper
- Shake well before using.

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Centennial News is on summer hiatus and will return with its next issue in September.

Here are some other ways to keep current with community news and events in July and August:

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Distribution

We have routes for new distributors

By Wanda Wierzbicki



It's hard to believe that this is our last issue of Centennial News before the two-month break for the summer. This year passed so quickly. It feels like we were just shovelling snow a few weeks ago and now the birds are back, the grass needs to be cut, and the trees have all their leaves.

This is also the time of year that some of our longtime distributors decide to retire. I want to specifically mention **Barbara and Norm Russell**, who have been distributing to the homes on Rodarick Dr. since 1995. That's more than 30 years of community involvement and support. Thank you for delivering our community newspaper on sunny days, snowy days, rainy days, and everything in between. We will miss you.

This is also the time of year that we say goodbye to many student distributors who are currently in Grade 12. Many of them will be starting university or college in September, sometimes in a different city. We wish them all the best as they begin this new and exciting chapter in their lives. Thank you and good luck to: **Samuel Cheng** (Brumwell and Laura Ellis), **Jack Dorning** (Clappison), **Aimee Nicolaisen** (Andona Cres.), **Isabel Motta** (8 Clappison), **Jenna Zeljko** (Delbeatrice and Invermarge) and **Kimberley, Adam and Leah Roy** (Vessel Cres.).

I want to give a special shout out to **Vishy Anadaraj**. Not only is Vishy the distributor for Waterbridge Way, he has also been the student representative on the CCRA Executive for the past four years. Attending monthly meetings where everyone is your parents' age is not easy, but Vishy took it all in stride. We will miss you. Good luck next year!

All these retirements mean that I will be looking for distributors for several streets. If you are a student starting Grade 9 in September, distributing the Centennial News is an excellent way to earn some volunteer hours. If you are newly retired and looking for a way to become involved in your community, distributing the newspaper is a great way to get to know your neighbourhood.

If you would like to volunteer for one of the routes listed below, please send an email to distribution@ccranews.com

- Andona Crescent – part of the street
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- 8 Clappison – co-op complex
- Clappison – part of the street
- Delbeatrice and part of Invermarge
- Rodarick Drive
- Waterbridge Way
- Vessel Crescent

I also want to thank the entire distribution team – over 100 individuals. These dedicated people deliver the newspaper to more than 4,600 homes in our community every month. We couldn't do it without you.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer.

Wanda

Our 2026 membership campaign is on now!

CCRA 2026 Membership Form

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The Spring Market Update

As we move further into 2026, the real estate market continues to be shaped by economic uncertainty, shifting consumer confidence, and changing market conditions. However, across the Eastern GTA, we are seeing encouraging signs of activity.

Well-priced homes under \$1M are attracting strong interest, first-time buyers are returning to the market, and stabilized mortgage rates are helping buyers feel more confident in their decisions.

Increased inventory is also creating more choice and opportunity for consumers.

In a market like this, local knowledge, patience, and sound advice matter more than ever. If you have any questions about the market or how current conditions may impact your plans, please don't hesitate to contact Heather or Ross anytime.

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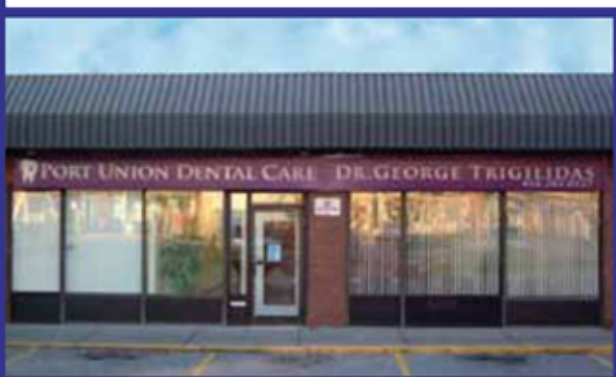
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