

# NEWSLETTER

Ward 4 News from Councillor Mary Asselstine



## Hello From Mary

Welcome to the holiday season! Over the last few weeks I have attended three community celebrations namely with the Horticultural Society, the Agricultural Society and the King fire fighters. Each of these organizations has been a pillar of the community representing decades and decades of volunteerism. What I noticed in common to all three groups was a remarkable sense of camaraderie and family mixed with playfulness and purpose. Each event was uplifting and I left with a spring in my step and smile on my face. It is an honour to share these moments and I am very grateful. What a wonderful way to start the season.

Mary



## The Future of our Community

Youth are our future, and right now we are projecting how the Township will grow and develop all the way to 2051 through the review of the Township Official Plan. This future is not for me, so young people need an active place at the table to determine how their community will look and feel. I urge youth to get involved in the Official Plan Review process. There will be opportunities through consultation sessions, public meetings and written submissions. For information and opportunities to have your say, go to: <https://speaking.king.ca/our-king-official-plan-review>.

## Upcoming Events

### SCHOMBERG TREE LIGHTING

Dec 1, 5:00pm  
Main Street Schomberg

### A MAINSTREET CHRISTMAS

Dec 7, 3:00 - 9:00pm  
Main Street Schomberg

### NOBLETON TREE LIGHTING

Dec 8, 5:00 - 7:30pm  
Nobleton Gazebo - 8 Sheardown Drive

### BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Dec 11, 1:30 - 7:30pm  
Trisan Centre

Check out the Library Calendar for more!

[KING LIBRARY CALENDAR \(LINK\)](#)





## Budget Update

The 2025 Budget has been approved by Council for a projected blended rate increase of 3.39%. For a home valued at \$1,000,000 this is a tax increase of \$127. Staff has been working hard to keep tax increases to a minimum while still supporting the services expected by existing residents and expanding communities. For more information you can review the staff report from November 25, 2024 which includes a link to the detailed budget book (<https://pub-king.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=3486>) or go to <https://www.king.ca/budget>.



## Community Security a Top Priority

Residents are rightfully distressed and concerned following recent violent crime in King. Staff and Council have taken steps to provide support and to lobby the federal government for more action to keep our communities safe. If you wish to secure your neighbourhood, consider starting a “Neighbourhood Watch Program”. For information go to: <https://www.king.ca/recreation-living/community-engagement/community-resources>. The York Regional Police Service provides crime statistics for King Township and outreach to secure your home and family. For information on these services go to: <https://www.yrp.ca/en/crime-prevention.asp> and <https://community-safety-portal-datayrp.hub.arcgis.com/?mid=8>.

## Development Updates

### 326 Main Street

- The proposal is still being reviewed by staff. Expect a staff report to come to Council in the New Year.

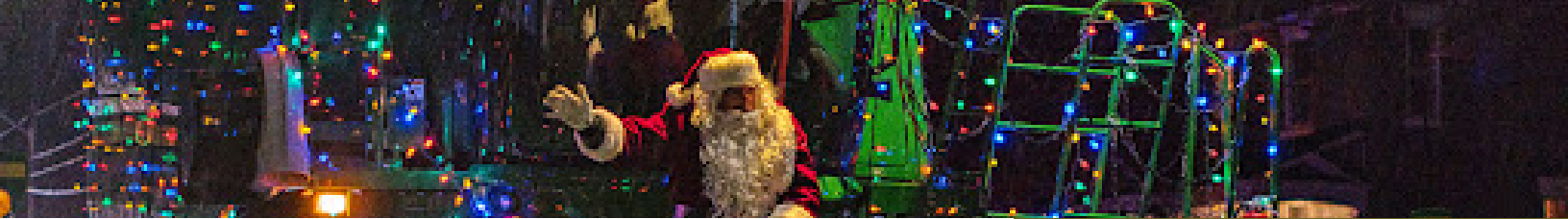
### 191 Church Street

- The pond work is proposed to be completed by Christmas and work will begin in the New year on the culvert construction.

### 66 Main Street

- Work is progressing slowly. Building permits have been issued and the heritage house will be restored.





# Whats Coming Up

## A Main Street Christmas

When the snow is just starting to fall and Winter is almost here, Schomberg gets all dressed up and invites everyone from near and far to come and enjoy a fun-filled family outing along our historic Main Street.

There are street performers, carolers, children's entertainers, fireside readings, holiday creations, two parades, and, of course, Santa Claus!

The event starts with the exciting Community Santa Claus Parade and ends with the Farmer's Parade of Lights.

Join the fun!

Although the letter carriers are on strike, the Schomberg Post Office is still accepting letters to Santa! **Don't miss out.**



# Climate Corner



I have always appreciated nature and have spent many hours observing it and how it is changing. Did you know that there are 35% fewer birds overall today than in 1980. Children today have a different "nature benchmark" than I do. They do not expect the deafening dawn chorus of birds in the spring. But nature is resilient and I believe that it will be a major player in the solution to climate change impacts. This starts by taking our kids outside to explore and find the magic that calls us all.

# Community Highlights

- **55+ Club:** The 55+ club is township wide and has an active Schomberg branch. Join at: [king.ca/seniors](http://king.ca/seniors)
- **Head to SPEAKing.ca:** to find out what projects and programs are happening in your community!
- Are you looking to volunteer? Join the Schomberg Fair crew! For more info email: [info@schombergfair.com](mailto:info@schombergfair.com)

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