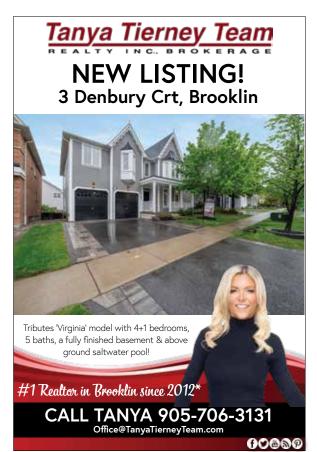
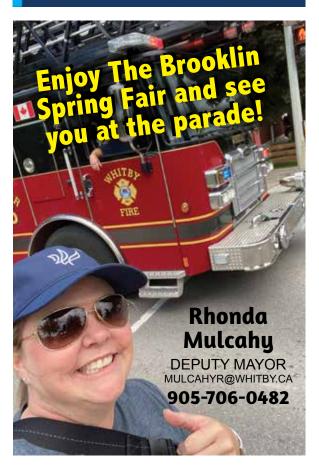
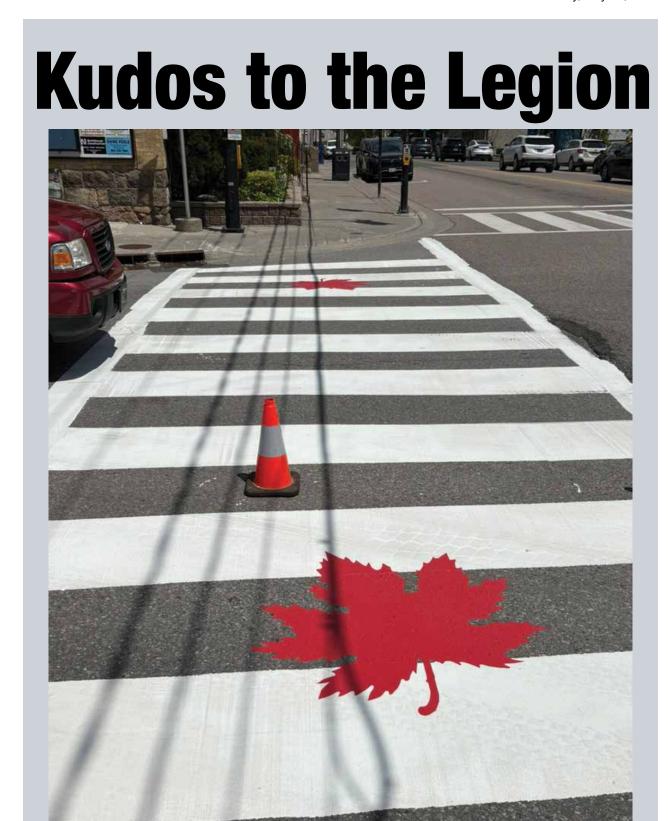
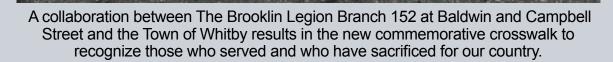
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Local Updates

By Rhonda Mulcahy **Deputy Mayor**



We are within days of the 407 tolls being removed in both directions from the 115/35 in the east to Brock Road in Pickering. We are hopeful this will help

take the North Oshawa (and beyond) traffic out of the mix of traffic woes in town because the Winchester closure has been a giant pain in all our rears. The frustration and anger is tangible.

Rules. We have to follow them. There is risk and liability and all sorts of deferrals to experts of which I am not. I loathe that I can't just make things happen at will, however I am persistent when it comes to seeking solutions.

Your feedback is helpful. Write to durham.ca/WinchesterRoad or phone the DRPS non-emergency line at 905-579-1520. As for being taken to task on social media, I understand the need to vent. Just realize that direct communication is faster.

No Left Turn

no left turn onto Winchester from Watford has created a "clustermuck," a new word because the other isn't family friendly. The restriction is primarily there because traffic is backed up along Watford. The simple solution is to exit the subdivision to Thickson from Blackfriar. Please use it.

We have word that DRPS will be actively ticketing those who are trying to, ahem, circumnavigate the system around that restricted left turn. Be forewarned it won't be the last blitz.

Construction ending soon

As to future dates, all construction plans can change and this remains fluid, but so far they have been accurate.

This portion of the Winchester project has a finalizing date of July 28th with approximately two weeks of contingency to demobilize, address deficiencies and clean up. Although there are no promises, there is hope this will be sooner, especially with more sunshine. The project is moving quickly despite the needed wrench we threw at it to signalize the St. Thomas intersection.

The closure could be removed Back to the rules. Ignoring the as early as mid-July with daily lane closures only in effect to requested and for many of us complete the paving.

There will be, however, some lane restrictions at the bridge in 2026 due to the historical surprises with hydro servicing found underground when they excavated. They have no choice but to come back and address that part of the road after the services have been addressed.

While standing atop the new sports centre recently, we had a clear view of the new mid-block arterial road (to be named "Kent Mills") that will run east-west, parallel to the 407 on the south side. It is basically complete between Ashburn and Baldwin. The next section will run between Baldwin and Anderson. We are making progress to unlock the gridlock in town.

Every single orange cone in this village is as a result of provinciallymandated growth. None of it was

who have been here a long time, it is difficult to absorb. We can't say we didn't know it was coming yet it's still hard. We can expand and widen roads now or wait until there are three times the people here. Neither is pleasant though necessary regardless.

Parade route changed

As for the Spring Fair Parade, the route is changed, as you will see in this paper. This is a similar route the parade has used before, however there are more people in town than there used to be. Please be mindful of the property owners along Cassels and Queen and plan on walking to view it.

Fair weekend will prove to be busy as usual. With your cooperation and a bit of pre-planning, we can all safely enjoy the event that features a great deal of community spirit and affection.



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The Hunter-Darlington House

By Jennifer Hudgins



One of Brooklin's oldest and most historically significant homes is known as the **Hunter-Darlington** House at 42 Cassels Road East.

Built in 1844 in the roughcast stucco Regency cottage style, the house overlooks a creek and stands across from the site of the former Brooklin mill, now a Montessori school. It was originally constructed by Dr. James Hunter, a physician and political reformer who signed the Reformers' Declaration, a petition known as the Seventh Report on Grievances, presented to the Upper Canada Assembly in 1835 (From Rebel to Pioneer, p. 104, Brooklin Remembered: Voices From the Past, Brooklin Heritage Society).

In 1855, Hunter sold the property to his son-inlaw, Reverend Robert Darlington, had who served as Brooklin's postmaster from 1853 1854. That same year, the house became village's official the office, post marking it as a central hub of communication in the growing community.

Early Methodist

Darlington was prominent figure in early Methodism Canadian and a key contributor to

the spiritual life of the village. Born in 1807 in Ballytonny, County Wicklow, Ireland, he emigrated to Canada in 1833. He initially settled in Darlington Township before moving to Whitby Township. There, established he himself as both a businessman and a devoted Methodist. serving as a local preacher, class leader, and Sunday School teacher. His commitment to ministry led him to travel extensively а circuit preacher across the Peterborough and Markham regions until declining health brought him back to Brooklin.

In 1840, Darlington appointed was minister of the Whitby Methodist Church, a position he held until 1841. From 1854 until his death in 1881, he also served as Treasurer of Whitby Township.

Georgina Darlington





Additionally, he was a part-time pastor at the Brooklin Wesleyan Methodist Church during several periods between 1858 and 1881.

Marriage to Hunter

Reverend Darlington married Sarah Annie Hunter, the eldest daughter of Dr. James Hunter, in Hartland, New York, in 1839, and the couple settled in Brooklin around 1848. It was here where they raised their daughter, Hunter Darlington. Georgina Reverend Darlington died in 1881, followed by Sarah in 1896

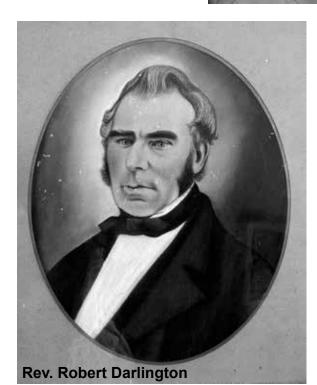
> and Georgina in 1923. All three are buried together Groveside Cemetery.

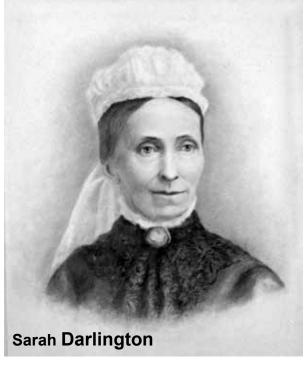
> In 1923, teacher Chrissie Simpson and family her moved from Peace River, Alberta. to in the live Darlington House. Her father later served as minister at

Burns Presbyterian Church in Ashburn from 1937 to 1940. Chrissie went on to become a church elder and a passionate local historian. As a member of the Groveside Cemetery board, she played a key role in preserving Brooklin's past by organizing cemetery records and rescuing headstones, some from abandoned fields and others from the village's first cemetery on Albert Street.

Heritage property

On May 7, 2018, the Hunter-Darlington House designated a heritage property by the Town of Whitby under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. This followed a report presented to Council recommending the issuance of a Notice of Intention to Designate, recognizing the property's cultural heritage value. With its architectural distinction and deep ties to Brooklin's early religious history, the Hunter-Darlington House remains an important part of the village's heritage. Its heritage designation helps ensure that its historical significance will be preserved for future generations.







What You Need To Know This Week In Whitby



The Top Ten Things To Do In Whitby This June

June is one of our favourite months in the Town. It marks and celebrates Pride Month, Bike Month, Recreation and Parks Month, Seniors' Month, National Indigenous Peoples Day, Local Food Week, and the start of summer. There are many ways to get involved. Learn more at whitby.ca/News

Summer Program Registration

Stay active and have fun this summer. Create your wish list now so you are ready when aquatic program registration opens on June 3 and recreation registration opens on June 5.

Learn more at whitby.ca/GetActive



Visit The Whitby and Brooklin Farmers' Markets

The Whitby Farmers' Market is now open every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Celebration Square and the Brooklin Farmers' Market will run every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting June 7 until the end of October. Shop outdoors for fresh local produce, baked goods, unique handmade products, and more. whitbyfarmersmarket.ca



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Town Links with local supplier for hospital fundraiser



Whitby has connected with the Vintage Apparel Company, owned by Dan O'Brien, a former Brooklin resident, to create a fundraising campaign for the new hospital.

Vintage is selling specially branded hoodies, called My Hoody, with nearly 50% of each \$50 sale going to the hospital.

Company owner O'Brien said the idea began a few years ago with various versions of the garment, including a "My Pink Hoody" as

part of a Brooklin High School anti-bullying campaign.

Since beginning the brand, they've sold over 40,000 with the garment being in over 50 stores across the country.

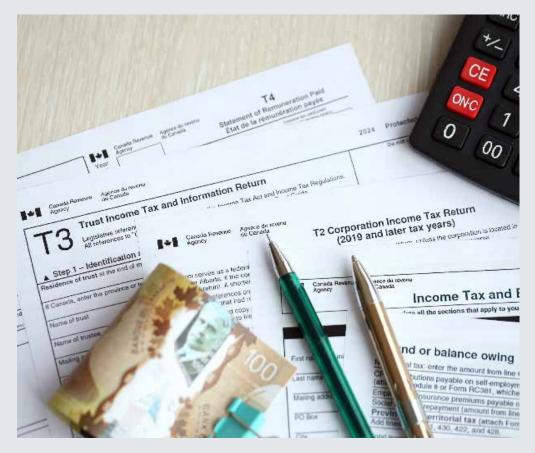
Currently, filling orders for the special "Hoody" will take approximately two to three weeks to be delivered.

Order from the Vintage Apparel site: https://shop.vintageapparelco.com/

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Brooklin Family Matters: by Leanne Brown

I love a parade!



About twelve years ago, I took my little three year old to the Brooklin Spring Fair parade. On that warm, sunny day, she watched with fascination from her

stroller.

Back then, It wasn't the fanciest of parades. Certainly nothing compared with the ones at Disney World or on TV. But to this curious little one, it was magical. She laughed and pointed at the My daughter says she goes Shriners in the little cars, waved at the older children marching and dancing along the route and giggled at a dog dressed as a bumble bee.

She collected a hand full of stickers and lollypops and, when the last float passed by, we headed

home. She drifted to sleep dreaming of all she had seen.

The parade may seem a little old-fashioned to some. But to families, it is special. Many

have participated in some way by decorating a float, waving at children representing a local hockey team or dance troupe, or even sponsoring a float. It's part of the magic of living in a small town.

When my daughter was young, we attended many of the parades. It became a traditional start of the fair. Now that she's

a teen, the fair doesn't hold the same appeal. She sees it as something for little kids.

Yet I remember just last year seeing her and a few friends standing along the route. They may be too "big" to regard the parade as anything but people walking in the street, Still, they go. Why? Because they grew up with it. It's part of their childhood and maybe they

aren't quite ready to give it all up

because there'll be people there she knows. Connection is one of the best reasons to attend the parade. I typically bump into old friends I don't see much now that our kids don't participate in the same activities anymore. I see my neighbours who've been hiding away all winter and I visit the local businesses I've been meaning to check out but never found the time.

The Spring Fair Parade is so much more than people walking down the street. It's a local ritual event that means a great deal to the community. In a world of division and uncertainty, it's more important than ever.

It provides a sense of tradition, belonging and continuity that binds us. So grab a chair, blanket or a stroller and head on down. Whether it's your first time or one of many, there are always memories to be made or relived.



North Ward Councillor Steve Lee (at the podium), Mayor Elizabeth Roy and Regional Councillor Chris Leahy hosted a town hall meeting on May 21 at the Royal Ashburn Golf Course. About 70 residents attended.

Ashburn Hosts Town Hall

of recent council, region and local events including putting to rest the so-called Brooklin Bypass. There was a lengthy

The Mayor offered a summary question-answer period in which most of the focus was on the tax bill for Ashburn and Myrtle residents compared with the test of the town.





Brooklinites Strike Gold and Silver at Volleyball Nationals

In the world of youth volleyball son Mason (#10) are both clubs, the Durham Attack reached the pinnacle of achievement at the recent national championships in Edmonton, sparked by the contributions of various Brooklin residents.

The Hydra team in the 15U category won gold with Brooklin's Marilyn Dunn as an assistant coach. In the team photo, she is in the back row, second from the right.

The girls defeated Pacific Coast Volleyball club from BC: 24-26, 25-21, 15-8

On the boys side, Durham Attack's 14U team, Extreme, captured silver. Brad Gordon (standing on far left) and his

from Brooklin as are Marilyn's husband, Duane Lunn (standing, far right) and their twins Cameron (#25) and Brady (#2). Another player, Leeland Adel (#11) is also from Brooklin.

The boys lost to Winman Bounce of Manitoba: 25-14, 13-25, 13-

Other Durham Attack teams with Brooklin residents that experienced success:

- the 17U boys Blast team won bronze with Brooklin's Ethan Baxter
- The 17U girls Intensity team finished fourth and had coach Mike Slean and players Sydney Little and Taylor Swean, all from Brooklin

Mountain Biking Group To Celebrate 20 years



The Durham Mountain Biking Association is 20 years old this year. We have grown from a handful of mountain biking enthusiasts, building maintaining trails in the nearby Durham Regional Forest, to a community of over 1,200 riders from across Durham and the GTA. The system of trails we care for now includes more than 1,500 kms of hand-built, naturally sustainable trails.

To get a better sense of who we are and what we do, see the community display cabinet in the Brooklin Public Library for the month of June.

Details of the 20th Anniversary Celebration:

Date:

Saturday, July 19, 9 am - 4 pm



Location: Durham Regional **Forest Main Tract** Clearing next to the main parking area

Cost: None - Everyone is welcome (members and nonmembers)

Event: Pancakes in the Forest starts the day

- Kids skills course
- Curated family rides
- Sponsor tents, prizes, draws
- Food trucks

Other 2025 Events

June

Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day Centennial Park Ravenshoe Family Ride

July

Forest

DMBA 20th Anniversary / Pancakes in the Forest Durham Regional

September

Dagmar North Trails 10th Anniversary Weekly Group Rides

Monday evening Ladies ride

Wednesday evening Club ride

Saturday morning Beginner's ride

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Change to Spring Fair Parade Route

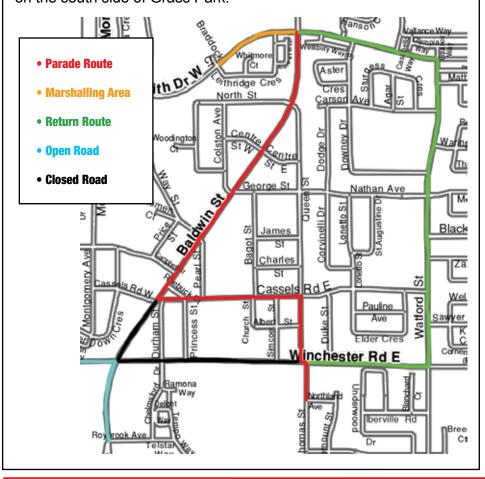
Winchester Road, this year's Spring Fair parade route on the morning of Saturday, June 7, has changed.

The parade will again begin at Brooklin High School and proceed south on Baldwin.

When in downtown, it will turn left from Baldwin onto Cassels Rd on the south side of Grass Park.

Given the construction on The parade will continue east on Cassels Rd to Queen St. where it will turn right, heading south on Queen to Winchester. It will finish on Queen at Winchester.

> Winchester Rd. from Baldwin to the Queen/St. Thomas intersection will be closed as will Baldwin from Winchester north to Cassels.



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The most recent real estate figures for Durham Region will give you some insight into today's market. There were 769 sales reported in April 2025, with an average sales

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price of \$913,500, according to the Central Lakes Association of Realtors (with the average home in Whitby netting \$941,442).

While those Durham Region figures represent a decline from April 2024, which saw 948 sales and an average sales price of \$943,840, market activity is supported by a 58 per cent increase in active listings and a 16 per cent rise in new listings, expanding options for prospective buvers.

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