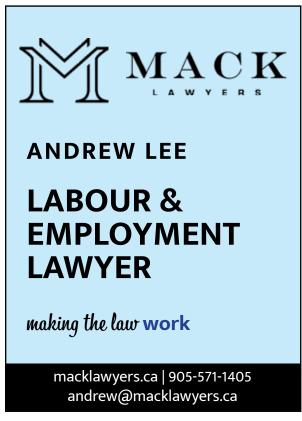
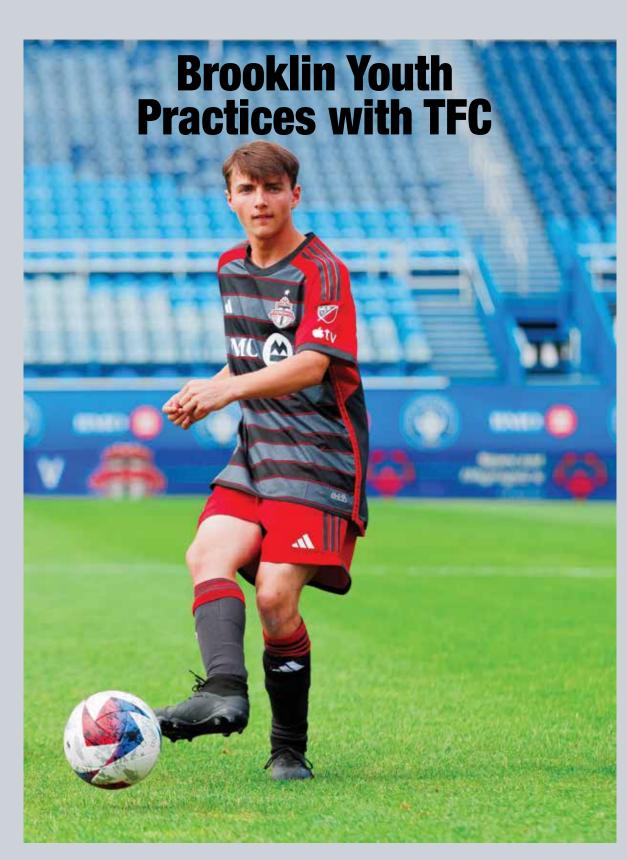
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By Richard Bercuson

New Federal Riding of Pickering-Brooklin Renamed Brooklin-Them

Winchester Completed!

Sports Complex Opens! Town Gives Away Pucks, Basketballs, Pool Noodles

Mayor Assures Giveaways Aren't Bribes To Use Facility

2026 Soccer World Cup To Feature a Pre-Tourney Game At Brooklin High

Whitby to "Bubble-in" Northern Portion of Memorial Grounds for Year-Round Use

IPSC Dressing Room Showers Now Have Functioning Plumbing and Hot Water

Province Agrees to Ban Trucks

on Baldwin

Whitby Council Votes To Discuss Only Town Issues During Meetings

Town and Regional Councillors to Undergo Sensitivity Training With Dr. Jordan Peterson

Whitby Becomes First Ontario Municipality to Charge "Visitor" Fee for Non-Resident Athletes on Whitby teams

DRPS Stationed At New Baldwin Bypass Roundabout To Explain Signage

The Rolling Stones to Perform Mini-Concert at Grass Park: "We can't handle the stairs anymore," Says Mick

Someone Opens A Used Bookstore Downtown

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January

Nova's Ark on Cedarbrook Trail retains its sheen by complying with bylaws

Brooklin Heritage Society tells us about the man who slept on his money

Whitby girls u11 team wins a Florida tournament

DRPS investigates a sudden death in the wooded area west of Memorial Park

February

The hospital advocacy campaign ramps up

Maxx Coughlan writes a book of 100 self-help ideas

Brooklin High preps to host provincial championships

I've been waiting for 8 hours.



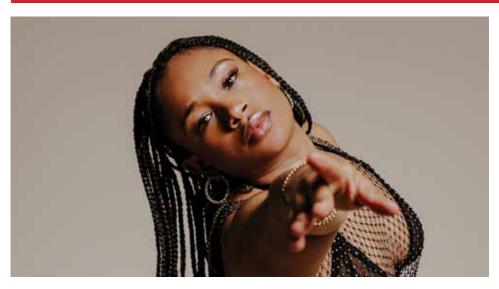
Tell the Province we need a new hospital closer to home.







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March

Feds invest \$25 million in a green Whitby Sports Complex

The Song Spot mounts successful Beauty and the Beast

Dancer Madison Williams dreams big

April

BHS teacher Ethan Markham runs successful high school tourney

Brooklin has a youtube star: Scott **Bennett**

Mayor Roy speaks out about the

still non-existent hospital grant

New robotics team leaves a mark

Burns Church supports

May

Ukrainian families

Durham Rebels u11 volleyball team wins provincial silver with a **Brooklin connection**

Singer Jessica Docherty aims high

St. Bridget show Frozen Jr. is a hit

Charles Best Diabetes Centre Founder receives Canadian award

Council urged to financially support light at St. Thomas/Winchester





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What You Need To Know This Week In Whitby



Get Active With Free Public Skating

Lace-up your skates and enjoy free public skating at Luther Vipond Memorial Arena on January 12 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. No registration is required. Thank you to our sponsors Mortgage Architects, RE/MAX Jazz, and Morgan Law. For more information, visit whitby.ca/Calendar

Programs For Preschoolers

Do you have a preschooler you're looking to keep busy this winter? The Town offers independence and socialization with play-based and schoolreadiness programs. Available programs include: Ready for School, ABC Come learn with me, Tot Science, Messy Family Fun, Parent and Tot Theme Days, and more! Register at whitby.ca/Active



Reporting An Issue This Winter

Has it stopped snowing and you've noticed snow or icy conditions on roads, sidewalks, or trails after we've been through? Tell us about it! Use our online reporting form to report your concern at any time. Scan the OR code or, visit whitby.ca/Snow





Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas trees will be collected from January 13 to 18 in blue areas and January 20 to 25 in yellow areas. Visit whitby.ca/waste to check the colour of your collection zone. Please remove all tinsel, decorations, and stands, and cut trees over 3 metres (10 feet) in half. Trees frozen in snow banks cannot be collected.



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August

Whitby celebrates announcement of looming hospital, as promised

Dreamco Theatre bringing "Million Dollar Quartet" show to town

September

Sports complex takes shape

Leanne Brown wonders about surviving teen mood swings

What will happen to Vipond arena?

June

Council votes to help pay for the

St. Leo's School fundraises for hospice

WindReach Farm celebrates 35th birthday with RCMP Musical Ride

The Song Spot's tragic loss: Marissa Blagrove

October

Whitby hospice construction begins

Harvest Festival was great again

Mayor Roy: What per cent goes to provincial services?

The doctor who escaped from the Holocaust

July

"Crickets" from province about dealing with east/west traffic issues

The Children's Puppeteer: Nina Keogh

Elise Doherty wins BTC award at In Memoriam: Don Wick high school grad



November

student's Teacher brings Remembrance Rocks European battle sites

Whitby drafts first-ever multi-year budget





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December

Postal strike results in dozens of volunteers delivering the Dec. 6 BTC door-to-door



Wincester Rd temporarily opens east and west

DRPS announces Project Attire to combat auto theft

Optimist club awards scholarships to Jeevan Elliott and Madelin Kristmann





Brooklin High wins provincial high school cross country gold

St. Bridget students honoured by Forests Canada



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BHS Special Olympics Soccer Star Works Out With Toronto FC



Brooklin High School celebrate the extraordinary achievements of one of its own, Zach, whose journey is nothing short of inspirational. In the fall of 2023, Zach participated in a Special Olympics school soccer tournament with his classmates when an incredible opportunity arose: an invitation to try out for the Toronto FC (TFC) Unified team.

The TFC Unified program, a collaboration between Major League Soccer (MLS) and Special Olympics, brings together Special Olympics athletes and neurotypical compete as athletes to teammates. The program offers a unique schedule where Unified teams play games on the same day their MLS counterparts compete, fostering a deep sense of inclusion and camaraderie among athletes.

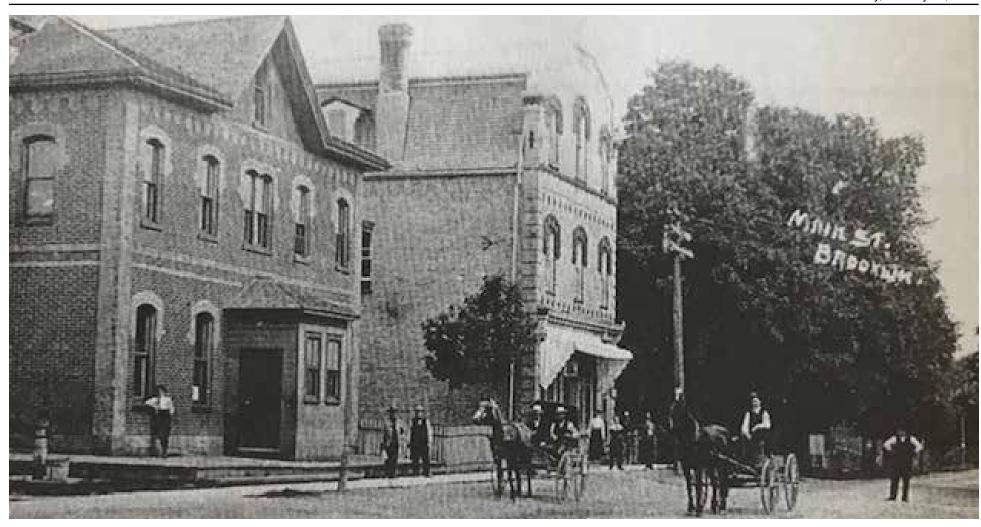
Zach embraced this opportunity with enthusiasm and determination. After a series of tryouts at TFC's state-of-the-art practice facility in Downsview Park, Zach was selected to join

the Unified team. His selection was a testament to his skill, dedication, and team spirit.

The highlight of the season was a thrilling trip to Montreal for a match against CF Montreal Unified. On July 19th, Zach and his teammates embarked on a memorable journey, traveling together to Quebec. The trip was filled with team bonding, from exploring downtown Montreal to sharing meals and laughter.

On game day, the team showcased their hard work and unity on the field. TFC Unified secured a 2–0 victory against their Montreal rivals. The team's energy carried over into the evening as they cheered on the MLS teams from their box seats, witnessing TFC claim another win with a 1–0 triumph.

Zach's success is a shining example of the transformative power of sport. This program is more than just games; it's about creating opportunities for neurodiverse athletes to grow, build confidence, and feel immense pride in their accomplishments.





The Balfour Building

By Jennifer Hudgins



The home of the Whitby Dance Academy at 58 Baldwin Street was once known as the Balfour Building. Since its construction

in 1878, it's been a cornerstone of Brooklin's history.

Built for prominent merchant Robert Balfour (1848–1898), it became a central hub for local commerce, not only providing goods and services to the community but also playing a significant role in the economic development of Brooklin.

At the time, it was the largest store in the village, showcasing impressive brick arches above the windows and doors that combined structural integrity with visual appeal. Immediately north of the store, Balfour built his two-story brick home which was demolished in 1995. On September 8, 1881, the Whitby Chronicle reported: 'The large and handsome new store of Mr. Balfour is completed and occupied. It has quite an imposing appearance.' From its construction onward, the main floor was used as a dry goods and grocery store. In December, 1950, high winds damaged the brickwork, necessitating complete removal and rebuilding of the third floor's front facade.

Various owners
Balfour operated
the store for only

four years. From approximately 1884 to 1912, the business was subsequently run by various proprietors, including Thomas J. Holliday, William Holliday, William Lawrence, Fred Ormiston, artist and sign painter Harry Lade and his son, butcher Arthur Cook. Merchants Wes Piatti, and Fred Brown (Brown's Marketeria) both occupied the building at separate times during the 1950s and early 1960s. Another business, Kennedy's, was in operation there around the same time. In the mid-1960s, Mrs. Bibeau and her mother, who both lived on Way Street, operated a Stedmans store at the location until Brooklin Pro Hardware moved in.

The building's upper floors also had an interesting history. In 1884, it became home to the Beethoven

Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF), which used the space until 1954, when they constructed their own building on Bagot Street. Those floors also housed the Whitby Council Chambers and Municipal Office prior to 1920 and the Patterson sisters operated a dressmaking and millinery shop. Eventually the upstairs rooms were renovated into apartments.

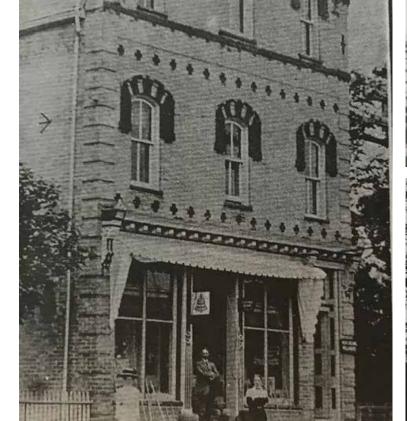
Heritage District

The building is situated within the Brooklin Heritage Conservation District, established by Bylaws 6085-08 and 6086-08 and is recognized for its historical significance. It is listed in the Town of Whitby's Municipal Heritage Register, which includes both designated and non-designated properties of cultural heritage

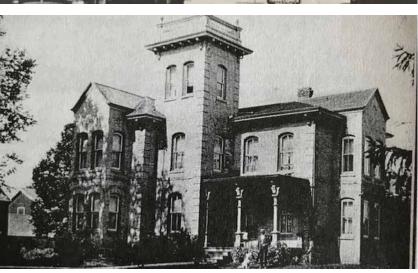
value.

This district designation, enacted in 2008, aims to preserve the unique heritage character of Brooklin's main street and surrounding areas. While the Balfour Building itself may not have an individual designation date, its inclusion in the Brooklin Heritage Conservation District provides it with heritage protection under Ontario the Heritage Act.

Today, it reflects Brooklin's deeply rooted commercial heritage with the architectural style and community spirit of the late 19th century.







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Brooklin Family Matters: by Leanne Brown

Using Social Media in Different Ways

It's finally my own down time. My husband has

sports on TV while discussing the latest political antics of the upcoming U.S. president. Typically I like to watch a good game, but I'm in the mood for some quiet.

I grab my phone and play a game on it in another room. Then I leave the game and scroll for information about a personal project I'm working on. My daughter is also in the room on her phone, watching a movie on it while talking to her friend who's viewing the same flick.

For a moment I lament that we should be doing something together, but I don't have the energy to orchestrate or argue to get there. Instead, I work on my project. And that's when I realized how each of us uses social media so differently.

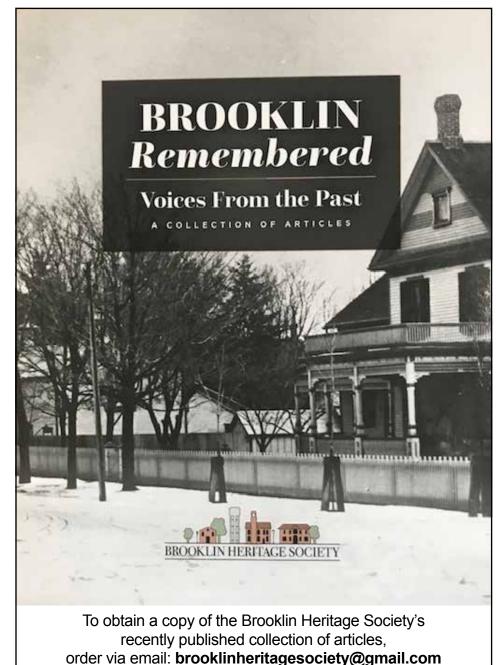
My husband uses it for news, sports and connections with friends. I use it to connect with friends and family and as a

research and entertainment resource. My daughter, on the other hand, appears to use it for everything. Connecting with friends, entertainment, homework help, trend watching, research, gaming, shopping and just mindless scrolling.

I asked her about how she uses it and the answer surprised me. Turns out that while she does use it all those ways, mostly she considers it an entertainment tool. She tells me that there's so much fake stuff and Al generated content that she doesn't trust anything she sees. The influencers she watches provide entertainment in the form of something to mock and laugh about.

I realize that while there is so much out there on how social media is damaging our kids, it may also be making some of them more aware of how online content is not real, that it's attempting to manipulate them. They aren't buying into it.

Somewhat relieved, I snuggled into my favorite chair with the dog on my lap and streamed my favourite show. My project can wait



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COLOURS OF THE YEAR SURE TO INSPIRE

It's true that a neutral colour palette that appeals to a wide variety of buyers is recommended when listing your house for sale. But if you've recently moved into a home new to you and want to make it your own, the Colours of the Year (COTY) 2025 are sure to inspire!

This time last year, we discovered colours like Blue Nova, a blend of blue and violet from Benjamin Moore. The King Home Team: Royal Heritage Realty invites you to discover this year's emerging trends:

Beautitone's Midnight Flora, a deep, dramatic red-purple, promises to captivate with its magical, mysterious depth. It's one of seven hues along with four supporting neutrals in the brand's new palette, which includes Stillness, a deep green-blue that conjures feelings of calmness and tranquility; Bloom, a gentle earthly pink that is sweet, youthful and balances the deeper tones within the palette; and Drift, a midtone blue reminiscent of a serene ocean or a clear sky.

Behr Paint, Rumors, "an engaging ruby red that makes a statement and captivates with its vivacity," is the paint manufacturer's COTY. The deep hue brings drama and elegance both inside and outside your home and has an energy that "exudes confidence and sophistication," according to the brand.

Benjamin Moore's COTY is Cinnamon Slate, described by the brand as a "delicate mix of heathered plum and velvety brown." It's among 10 hues in its Colour Trends 2025 palette, which also includes Sea Salt, Leather Saddle Brown, Chowning's Tan, Tissue Pink, Stained Glass, Ashwood Moss, Rosepine, Paris Rain and Glacier White

Dulux Paints by PPG's COTY is Purple Basil, a high-impact hue that embodies warm, rich purple shades, supporting the growing trend of using dramatic colours in home

Sherwin-Williams created its first-ever Colour Capsule of the Year, which features Grounded, a versatile and captivating brown that imparts richness in spaces that call for the stability of a refined earth tone. Sunbleached is an airy light neutral that's

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somewhere deeper than white, not quite grey, and ventures beyond a basic beige or taupe. Chartreuse, a historic colour, is a vibrant yellow green, while Rain Cloud is a stormy and deep grey-blue hue.

Sico Paint by PPG's COTY is Starry Night, a deep purple hue that demonstrates the transformative power of colour found in

nature. "Starry Night invokes the depth and drama of the night sky, while also providing the comfort we get from knowing the same galactic events we see from our backyards are being seen by others around the world," the brand says.

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