

Fifty-Five Plus News

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BREAKING NEWS

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Winter Hours:

Closed
until
further
notice.

Welcome to September! Little did we imagine on March 13 that the two-week closure would extend to 5 months and counting! We now have new words in our vocabulary: social distancing, masks, hand washing/hand sanitizing.

There are small stirrings of **activity**. The Town has been offering small group walks led by existing camp staff. This will continue until October. The Town is now offering registered programs in Yoga, Strength 'n' Core and Tai Chi. These programs will all be offered **outdoors** at the Band Shelter Pavilion in Memorial Park. Everything must be pre-registered and prepaid. Physical distancing will be maintained.

There will be a new **program registration form** containing the Covid questions that we've become used to answering pretty much everywhere. No fitness equipment is allowed to be shared. There will be a cap of 9 participants for each program.

It may be possible to hold **virtual seminars**. Barb Armstrong is looking into suitable platforms with an eye to security.

FROM THE 55+ STAFF WORKING GROUP

The 55+ Club Staff Working Group held its second virtual meeting via Teams on August 5. There is a Covid risk assessment spreadsheet compiled by the Town that needs to be completed for the 55+ Club. The SWG will put together a survey of the interests of members as to which classes/activities they would like to see resumed. The survey will have to assess the comfort level of members in returning to the facility. The health and safety of our members has to be Priority #1.



JULY BIRTHDAY PEOPLE

Glenda Dunkeld, Jennet Abbott, Linda Wawryk, Sharon Doner, Virginia Gould, Lee Didier, Richard Hughes, Kay Marshall, Carolyn McLachlan, Elisabeth Schon, Betty Skinner, Susan Winn, Dianne Wiseman, Millie Amos, Bala Balasubramanian, Kevin Chisholm, Leon De Souza, Bonnie Gribbon, Barb Malcolm, Jill McWhinnie, Sue Parsons, Christine Piper, Susan Shaver, Marilyn Surti, Connie Walker, Alice Whelton. Hope it was a good one!



AUGUST BIRTHDAY PEOPLE

Jane Hachey, Rochelle D'Souza, Rod Hooper, Teresa Kusatz, Roshan Doctor, Shirley Price, Gail Richards, Gerhild Somann, Eileen Belgue, Joe Boll, Pauline Cengarle, Victor Goldman, Joan Gomes, Angela Graham, David Jones, Zorina Kir, Doreen Knapman, Shirley Longo, Jean McLeod, Hana Strom, Yogeswary Bala, Cathy Barnett, Carol Baston, Joan Bell, Robert Daly, Maureen Fretz, Thilakeswary Jaganathan, Puvaneswari Kanagasabai, Eveline Kedey, Hugh Kedey, Herman Lane, Gord MacRae, Mary Louise Matthews, Deannie Newhouse, Melodie Newmarch, Adam Panchyshyn, Peter Parry, Donald Petrie, Ann Raymer, Dennis Seeley, Doris Skinner, Janet Stover, Hugh Wallis, Alexandria Weatherup-Leach

SMILES



You are on a horse, galloping at a constant speed.

On your right side is a sharp drop-off.

On your left side is an elephant travelling at the same speed as you.

Directly in front of you is a galloping kangaroo and your horse is unable to overtake it.

Behind you is a lion running at the same speed as you and the kangaroo.

What must you do to get out of this highly dangerous situation?

Wait for it ...

Get off the merry-go-round and go home: you've had enough excitement for one day!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY PEOPLE

Maureen Irwin, Sandra Iwasiw, Mary Brauer, Sheilah Kilroy, M. Dianne MacKay, Rhonda Milos, Sheila Pope, David Bastiampillai, David Brooks, Nella Cassano, Wan Feng Chen, Lori Cliff, Keith Corbin, Heather Darroch, Rose Dykstra, Reene Eliadis, Jeanette Fernandez, Eckard Glockmann, Carol Grensted, Allen Hodgson, Margaret Ristich, Eleanor Rudge, Linda Taylor, Doug Todd, John Carlo Tomasi, Elaine Upper, Nick Vatistas, Cullan Yang, Renata Zathureczky. Celebrate!



DID YOU KNOW?

At this time, the province is not allowing community centres such as the 55+ Club to open. The Town must abide by the provincial guidelines. The Town would need 4 weeks from the time the province gives the green light to get appropriate procedures set in place. The Town is actively watching the re-opening procedures at other York Region seniors' centres.

However, if and when those guidelines allow indoor activities, there will definitely be some changes in our usual procedures. Masks will be mandatory. Hand sanitizing will be mandatory.

All activities such as pool and table tennis will be by pre-registration only. Only registered people would be allowed to use the building. This would apply to the use of the library. The number of people in the building would be reduced.

Guidelines currently state that nothing can be shared. This applies equally to fitness equipment and to playing cards. No food/drink can be shared so you should bring your own tea/coffee. Washrooms would be cleaned mid-day and at end of day.

Our painting group hasn't taken a break over the summer so we thought you might enjoy some of their work. We have some very talented people. So many great paintings came in that we will feature the remainder in the October newsletter.

I still can't believe people's survival instincts told them to grab toilet paper.

I'm going to stay up on New Year's Eve this year. Not to see the New Year in, but to make sure this one leaves.

If I had only known in March it would be my last time in a restaurant, I would have ordered dessert.

At the store there was a Big X by the register for me to stand on... I've seen too many Road Runner cartoons to fall for that one.

Having some states lock down and some states not lock down is like having a peeing section in a swimming pool.

Until further notice, the days of the week are now called, thisday, thatday, otherday, someday, yesterday, today & nextday.

THEY SAID A MASK AND GLOVES WERE ENOUGH TO GO TO THE GROCERY STORE
THEY LIED, EVERYBODY ELSE HAD CLOTHES ON

The dumbest thing I've ever purchased was a 2020 planner.

When Does Season TWO of 2020 Start? I Do Not Like Season ONE.

Keep in mind, even during a pandemic, no matter how much chocolate you eat, your earrings will still fit.

The buttons on my jeans have started social distancing from each other.

I never thought the comment "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6 foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are

OUR 55+ VIRTUAL ART GALLERY



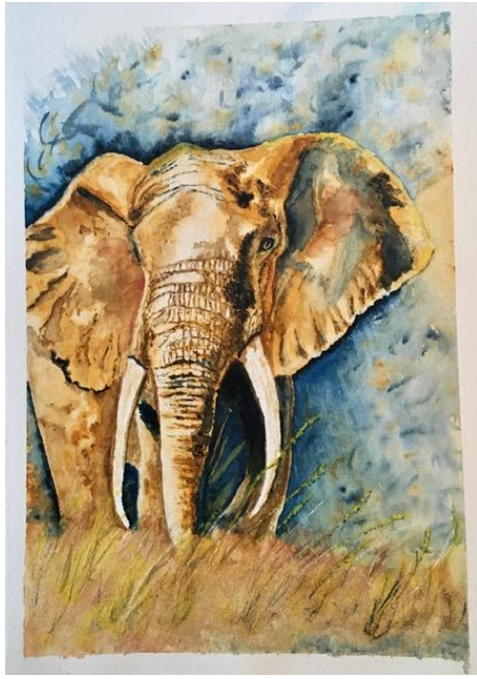
"Covid Breath" by Josie Schwarzli



"Waltz of the Lilies" by Josie Schwarzli



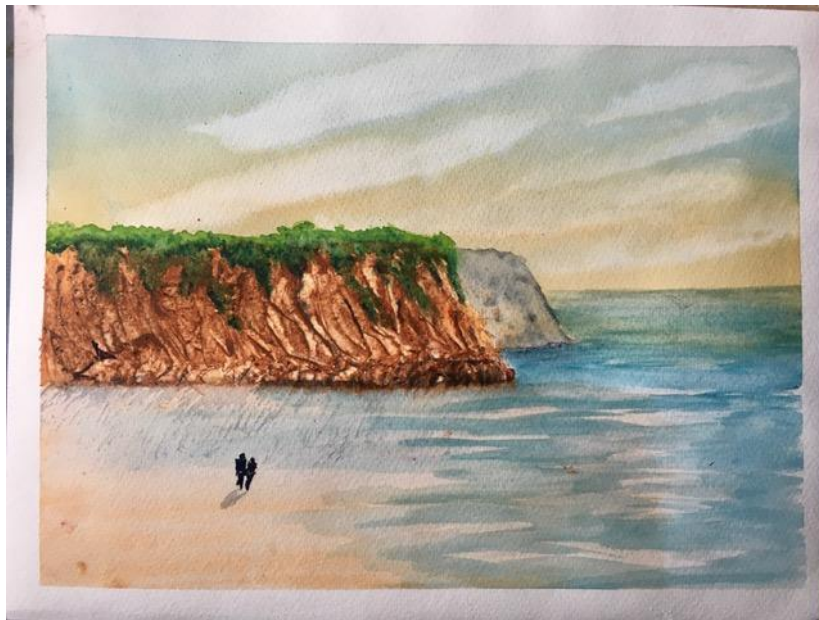
Diane Ward



Elephant by Evelyn O'Connor



Birds by Evelyn O'Connor



Seaside cliffs by Evelyn O'Connor



Jeanette Woodley



Kaye Lopez

