



From Around Home

by Roy Forrester

Trail complete end to end

As of this Saturday, the Clarington Chapter of the Oak Ridges Hiking Trail will have completed the trail end-to-end totalling a distance of 37 kilometers. It has been a four and a half year project undertaken by a band of willing volunteers.

The trail runs through the northern end of Clarington from Avery Road in the west to the Ganaraska Forest Centre Road in the east. Most of the trail is along forested unopened road allowances.

The last portion of trail to open was a small section through the Swamp Road from Leskard Road to

Mosport Road. This small section was an issue of a recent court case. The court ruled that the Municipality of Clarington was the owner of the lands and thus could grant it's approval for the section to be used for the end to end hiking trail.

The Swamp Road does have a historical background dating back to the pioneer days for those living north/west of Leskard Village. Leskard, at the time, had two operative mills and a store.

In later years the Swamp Road was a must for a Sunday family drive and especially so for visitors. It made for a scenic outing. Unfortunately in the late 60's and 70's it became a drop off for garbage which rightly called for the closing of the road.

Fortunately the lands were retained in the ownership of the Municipality and today is again open to the public viewing through the development of the hiking trail. There is easy access on kilometer north of Leskard on Leskard Road.

Hikers from Leskard have made use of the trail for years. You can be all alone in nature.

Organized Hikes

You are welcome to attend and take part in the following hikes:

Saturday, November 8th, 1 p.m., 4K hike, meet at south 35 parking lot, easy pace. Roy Forrester.

Wednesday November 12th, 10 a.m., meet at Long Sault parking lot of Road 20, Easter Allin. An informative nature walk.



If you see
Ted Hills
on or around
November 6th
make sure to wish him
**Happy
60th
Birthday!**

Best wishes can be extended
to him at his residence at
41 Freeland Ave.,
Bowmanville, Unit 3
between 6pm and 8pm

Be a sponsor for Orono's Christmas Trees

Make the downtown magical
this holiday season
by sponsoring
one of 15 real trees.

Cost: \$20
Your name will be
acknowledged on the tree.

Call Jeanne at 905-983-5230
or inquire at The Orono Times
5310 Main Street.



Main Street, Orono
Proprietors: Gary & Carol Vrecker

- Wedding Cakes
- Cakes for all Occasions
- Pastries - Donuts - Pies
- Bread & Buns

905-983-9779

Closed Sunday and Monday

Future

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on the Lake moved to stage four and five, says Langmaid. "What ended up happening is the touristy parts of the those towns are no longer a part of their community." The revitalization has to be arrested at stage two or three she said.

In the case of Elora, the revitalization plan was driven by the arts community, and they made sure there wasn't a lot of parking provided, so their community could not take over by tourists.

A Community Improvement Plan recently complete-

din downtown Oshawa resulted in that city providing improvement grants and loans to downtown business owners.

"Everything is on the table," stated Langmaid.

The Community Improvement Plan which is defined under the Planning Act, will take into account the existing official Plan Policy calling for limited urban growth in Orono in light of the existing infrastructure.

It should take no longer than one year to complete the steps of the Plan, which will have to go before council for final approval. Any proposals to change zoning will also have to be approved by the

Region of Durham.

The next meeting of the focus group is set for Wednesday, November 26, 2003, 7 p.m. at the Orono Town Hall. All meetings of the focus group are open to the public, and should a member of the public wish to address the Focus Group they must register their intent prior to the meeting.

Homework assignment for the Focus Group was to look around Orono and see what role architect and visual appeal plays in ones concept of the village. Plus, if infilling housing were to occur, would you like it to be like the housing that already exists.

~ HAPPENINGS ~

Thursday, November 6 and Monday, November 24

Durham Region Health Dept. Flu Shot Clinics - in Orono at the Rebekah Hall from 2 - 8 p.m. and at St. Francis of Assisi in Newcastle on Nov. 24 from 3-8 p.m. and is open to everyone over the age of 6 months. For more info call 905-723-8521 Ext. 2900.

Saturday, November 8

Snowflake Village Bazaar - St. John's Anglican Church, 11 Temperance St., Bowmanville from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Includes crafts and treasures, home baking, jams and preserves, knitted goods, dolls and accessories, candy, books, raffles, silent auction, and church calendars. Lunch Room from 10:30 to 1:30.

Saturday, November 8

Kendal Orange Lodge Ultimate Euchre Challenge - at 7 p.m.; \$15/person (\$30/team); Cash prizes - \$200 1st prize; limited space, advance registration only call 905-623-9858; Light lunch provided.

Saturday, November 8

SOURPUSS Country-Blues Music & Spaghetti Supper - 6 to 9 p.m. at Tyrone Community Centre. Bookings call Rene Demers 905-852-7578 or Mogens Galberg 905-985-8351. Donations to on-going building/maintenance of Tyrone United Church accepted.

Saturday, November 15

Down Home Roast Chicken Dinner - 6 p.m. at Orono United Church. Baked goods auction to follow dinner. Adults \$12, Children 6-12 \$6, Under 5 free, Family \$30. Tickets available at Morrison's Hardware or call 905-983-9107.

Saturday, November 15

Black Light Puppeteers "Noah's Ark of Salvation" - 7 p.m. at Newcastle United Church. Freewill offering.

Monday, November 17

Clarington Older Adult Association's "Snowflake Auction" - Auction 7 p.m. at 26 Beech Ave., Bowmanville. Preview 6 p.m. 905-697-2856.

Wednesday, November 19

Talent Auction - Newtonville United Church at 6:00 p.m. Crafts, baked goods, deacon's bench, birdhouses, and much much more.

Saturday, December 6

Heather Rebekah Lodge Christmas Bazaar - Orono, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday December 6

Orono United Church Yuletide Feast - 6 p.m. featuring turkey dinner, wreath auction and entertainment. Adults \$15 - children 12 & under \$7.50. Tickets call church office 983-5502.

ORONO CROWN LANDS TRUST

New Year's Eve

Gala Dinner & Dance

Wed., December 31, 2003

Orono Town Hall

Cocktails at 7 pm

Five Course Meal & Dessert Table

Music by "Crosswinds"

Tickets: \$62.50 per person ~ Call 905-983-5970