

A little kindness goes a long way here in Brooklin

Community



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It can start with a smile or a pleasant "Hello" to a stranger or a colleague.

Just being nice can sometimes brighten someone's day and perhaps help to make an otherwise less than optimal day into a good one. Now is a great time for a random act of kindness.

While speaking at the recent Nov. 11 Remembrance Day ceremonies in Whitby and Brooklin, newly elected Whitby MP Celina Caesar-Chavannes reminded us of the 117,000 Canadians who have sacrificed their lives to preserve our freedom and democracy. She suggested that we consider honouring and respecting their tremendous sacrifice by being kind and doing something nice for other people.

I concur that our wonderful community of Brooklin could be an even greater place in which to live if we were all just a bit nicer to one another.

Being nice can start with driving in a less aggressive manner and never ever drinking and driving. Please remember to focus on the road and do not text and drive.

The life that you potentially save could be your own. I also want to suggest to the many Brooklin skateboarders that they consider wearing some sort of bright clothing when going out after dark.

Brooklin has many small shops and services right here at our fingertips. I encourage folks to consider exploring

the many excellent stores and services available to us that we can walk to or don't require a long drive.

We can start the holiday experience at Brooklin's Christmas in the Village on Friday, Nov. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. in Grass Park at 41 Baldwin St.

Please stop by the Whitby Roadwatch safe driving display where kids can try out the remote control cars while parents can engage in safe driving discourse and collect safe driving related materials.

The Salvation Army Fill the Sleigh annual food and toy drive will be accepting donations and the Christmas Craft and Gift Show will be inside Brooklin United Church.

The Brooklin Ashburn Myrtle Lions Club will be operating a children's game on the Friday night and participating in Santa's workshop on the Saturday morning in the Brooklin Community Centre.

All are welcome to enjoy an old-fashioned horse and wagon ride hosted by the Optimist Club of Brooklin on the Friday night. The Optimists are also participating in the Saturday morning children's activities. So all in all, the weekend promises fun and enjoyment for all.

Until next time please remember to drive safely in Brooklin and beyond and remain focused when behind the wheel.

As we approach the busy holiday season and the scheduling of many office and residential parties, please do not drink and drive.

Jim McGrorey is a Brooklin resident, chairman of the Brooklin Spring Fair Parade and volunteer and events coordinator for the Whitby Road Watch Committee.



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