

York Region

Robert Grossi, Mayor of Georgina and Chair of the Region of York Economic Development Committee, invites you to explore York Region and to visit the York Region Community Corner at the Canadian National Exhibition on August 26 showcases the Region's attractions and communities.

A kaleidoscope of crystalline office buildings and historic main streets, pond-side parks and modern facilities, the southernmost area of York Region offers the convenience of the city, at a slower pace.

Meander down beflowered main streets in Unionville, Markham, Thornhill, Richmond Hill or Vaughan. Dip your toes in the clear, clean water of Lake Wilcox in Richmond Hill. Watch windsurfers glide across the smooth waters. Picnic at Mill Pond or stop for tea at the Burr House of crafts. When the day is done, see stars at the Dunlap Observatory. Or dine and dance the evening away in a gregarious mix of specialty restaurants, road-houses and night-clubs in Beaver Creek Business Park.

In Markham, meet with the resident town crier on Main Street and learn first-hand of the history behind Markham's elegant streetscape. Or meet with a raccoon in Milne Conservation Park or Canada geese at Unionville's Toogood Pond - two tranquil locales ideal for Sunday strolls. In the city of Vaughan, comprised of Maple, Kleinburg, Woodbridge, Concord and western

Thornhill, stop in at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection, featuring landscape paintings by Canada's famous Group of Seven artists, who frequently painted the pastoral beauty of York Region. Visit the Kortright Centre to learn more about nature, or scream your heart out on the Bat roller coaster at Paramount Canada's Wonderland.

Carpeted with lush greenery, central King-Township is home to the Holland Marsh, often referred to as the Salad Bowl of Ontario. During summer months, fresh fruit and vegetable stands offer a healthy bounty of homegrown delights to the road-weary traveller.

In the centre of this lush farmland are two vibrant, commercial centres - Aurora and Newmarket. Stroll down Main Street Newmarket to Fairy Lake in Wesley Brooks Conservation Area, or check out Aurora's ornate 19th century houses. Visit the Aurora Museum and Newmarket's Elman W. Campbell Museum.

In East Gwillimbury, you can visit Sharon, a community renowned for the Sharon Temple, a National Historic Site. The ethereal, symbolic temple was created in the early 19th century by a group of breakaway Quakers called the

Children of Peace. Later, boat down the lazy Holland River to the shores of Lake Simcoe.

To the east lies Whitchurch-Stouffville, a tranquil town that has maintained its historic appeal. Here, browse the Flea Market for the best bargains, check out the Museum, or ride the York-Durham Heritage Railway.

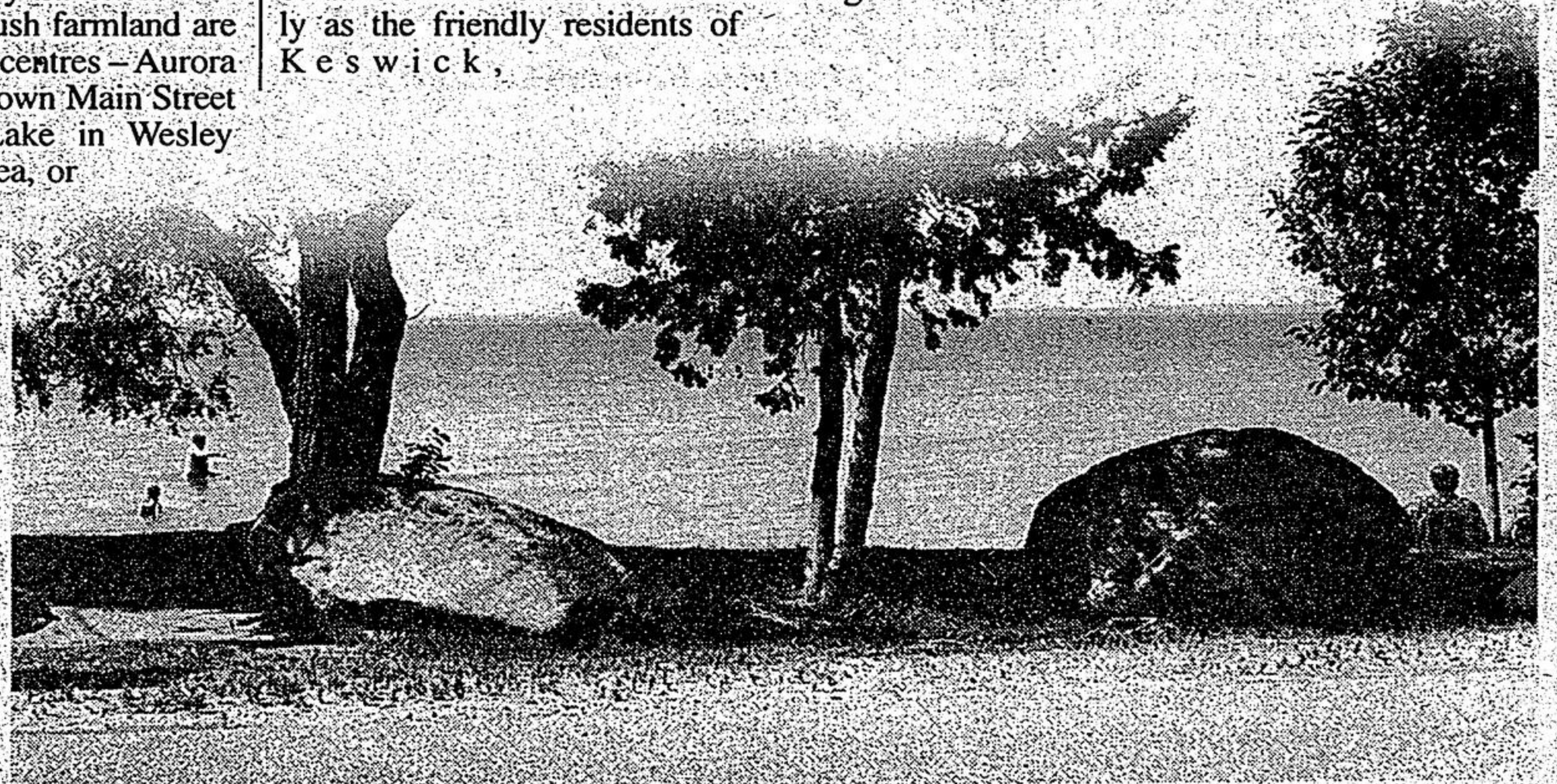
Explore Central York Region's back-roads and get-away places. You never know what you might find.

As you travel north, feel the vestigial remnants of city life slip away. You're in Georgina now. Here the lapping waves of Lake Simcoe beckon almost as strongly as the friendly residents of

K e s w i c k ,

Jackson's Point, Sutton and Pefferlaw Golf, swim, sail or fish your day away. Time is yours to enjoy on the beaches of Lake Simcoe. Whether you stay in a cosy inn, or a full scale resort, or pitch a tent, you are welcome in Georgina.

Learn of days past at Georgina Historical Village. When dusk falls, take in a play at the Red Barn Theatre or the Stephen Leacock Theatre. Enjoy cottage country without cottage traffic; come to Georgina, only an hour away from Toronto.



Town of Richmond Hill

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

On behalf of the members of Council, staff and residents of the Town of Richmond Hill, I am delighted to extend an open invitation to anyone and everyone to come and visit us. Discover for yourself why Richmond Hill is often referred to as "A little north, a little nicer."

Conveniently located just north of Metropolitan Toronto, Richmond Hill offers a wide diversity of facilities, activities and experiences for residents and visitors alike. In a matter of minutes or a few kilometres, you can literally purchase fresh produce from a farm and then drop in on one of the numerous flourishing business enterprises which call Richmond Hill home. We're a thriving community. The 1996 census identified us as one of Canada's fastest growing municipalities. We surpassed the 100,000 population mark this year and yet, we remain a Town.

There is so much to see and do in Richmond Hill. Why not visit Lake Wilcox in the Oak Ridges area to swim, sailboard, canoe or just have a picnic lunch? Or visit Mill Pond Park in the centre of Town, the summer home of Concerts in the Park and the winter venue of the annual Richmond Hill Winter Carnival. If you're into family fun, you'll love our Wave Pool, the only one of its kind in the Greater Toronto Area. It features 4 foot waves, a huge slide, a sauna and a swirl pool. If something a little more passive is your preference, you'll want to see the Richmond Hill Heritage Centre which will be opening its doors to visitors this fall. The Centre focuses on Richmond Hill's rich and colourful past as well as celebrating its present cultural diversity.

Richmond Hill has five ice arenas for hockey or skating and over 2,000 acres of beautiful park land and natural areas. The Town is home to many small scale and large scale community events throughout the year. For the science buff, the David Dunlap Observatory is open for tours. This fascinating attraction is the site where Dr. Tom Bolton and his staff discovered the famous *black hole* twenty five years ago this year.

If you still need a reason to visit us in Richmond Hill, I invite you to dine at one of our many fine restaurants after a day of shopping at one of our shopping centres or in the historic, busy downtown core. We have it all, and we really look forward to seeing you. Just a word of caution in conclusion - once you get here you may not want to leave.

Sincerely,

William F. Bell
Mayor, Town of Richmond Hill

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

Labour Day Weekend

Select Ontario Baseball Association
(SOBA) Championship Tournament

August 29 - Sept. 1

Minor-baseball at its best

September

Exotic Bird Show at Richmond Green

September 20 & 21

Celebration of the Arts at Hillcrest Mall

September 26 & 27

Scarborough Dog Show at Richmond Green

September 28

October

Karate Tournament at Richmond Green

October 12

Craft Show and Sale at Richmond Green

October 25 & 26

November

Festival of Lights at Old Town Hall

November 14

Pigeon Show at Richmond Green

November 14 - 16

Music Festival at Richmond Green

November 14 - 17

Santa Claus Parade along Yonge Street

November 16

December

Christmas Yesteryear at the Burr House

December 7 & 8