

## Wednesday, March 1, 2023

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### Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation Board Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 1 8:30 am - 9:00 am

### Java Jolt (Whitby Chamber of Commerce)

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 1 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Address: The Goodberry 55 Baldwin Street, Brooklin

Java Jolts are a great way to connect! Come join us!

Twice a month, join members and non-members for a coffee to discuss business-focused topics which will be posted in advance in the Facebook group. For members, by members, this long-standing program continues its primary objective to support the business community and give them an opportunity to network and refer.

### Regional Council Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 1 9:30 am

## Thursday, March 2, 2023

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### Connect Women: MARCOM (Whitby Chamber of Commerce)

Date and Time: Thursday, March 2 8:00 am - 3:30 pm

Address: Deer Creek Golf & Banquet Facility, 2700 Audley Road, Ajax

Welcome to the 12th annual Connect Women conference: Modernize with Marcom

Business leaders understand that marketing has to modernize to drive their objectives, but they are less sure what specifically that means. Too often, they focus on a handful of initiatives or capabilities and then grow frustrated when the promised value doesn't appear.

## Friday, March 3, 2023

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### An evening with Farzana Doctor

Date and Time: Friday, March 3 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Address: Central - 405 Dundas Street W. Meeting Room 1

## An Evening with Farzana Doctor!

[Farzana Doctor](#) is a writer, activist, and psychotherapist. Her ancestry is Indian, and she was born in Zambia while her family was based there for five years, before immigrating to Canada in 1971. Farzana grew up and went to school right here in Whitby, ON, she attended the Quest Public school for a couple years before moving for her high school years. Her work reflects her time growing up in smalltown Canada and has a unique perspective of our beautiful town.

[Seven by Farzana Doctor \(2020\)](#)

A rich, soulfully written novel about inheritance and resistance that tests the balance between modern and traditional customs.

When Sharifa accompanies her husband on a marriage-saving trip to India, she thinks that she's going to research her great-great-grandfather, a wealthy business leader and philanthropist. What captures her imagination is not his rags-to-riches story, but the mystery of his four wives, missing from the family lore. She ends up excavating much more than she had imagined.

[You Still Look The Same by Farzana Doctor \(May 2022\)](#)

This debut poetry collection from acclaimed novelist Farzana Doctor (*Seven*) is both an intimate deep dive and a humorous glance at the tumultuous decade of her forties. Through crisp and vivid language, Doctor explores mid-life breakups and dating, female genital cutting, imprints of racism and misogyny, and the oddness of sex and love, and urges us to take a second look at the ways in which human relationships are never what we expect them to be.

Books will be available for purchase from [Blue Heron Books](#) at this event. Both authors will be signing at the end of the event.

This is a registered event, to register visit the program event page [here](#).

This program will be offered in-person at our Central Library.

## Black Lit Durham and Desarae Dee

Date and Time: Friday, March 3 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Address: The Robert McLaughlin Gallery 72 Queen St. Civic Centre Oshawa, ON

Join us for an evening with Black Lit Durham and Desarae Dee!

The night will also include 2 short films presented by Durham Region International Film Festival!

Headlining the event is Desarae Dee, a Canadian Instrumental Fusion Artist, Multi-Instrumentalist and Producer who has made significant waves in the Canadian music industry with her unique and unconventional playing style since 2014. Known as "Toronto's Queen of Vibes," her passionate and meaningful sound combines a unique mixture of faith, soul, vulnerability and divine balance.

Featured artists for the evening include:

Greg Frankson, also known as Ritallin, is an award-winning literary artist, writer, and speaker. He edited and contributed to the critically acclaimed *AfriCANthology: Perspectives of Black Canadian Poets*, appears in five literary anthologies, and published four poetry collections.

Judith Shaw is a poet and a member of the [Durham Storytellers](#). Born in Kingston, Jamaica and raised by her Grandma Wawa, she is the author of the children's book "My Grandmother Said Art Is Everywhere".

[Asante Haughton](#) is a national award-winning mental health advocate, peer worker, poet, thinker, and two-time TEDx speaker. His belief in people, global inter-connectivity, and positive personal change led him to being recognized by CAMH as one of the top 150 Difference Makers in mental health in Canada.

Shakkoi aka [Need Some Koi](#) is a multi talented creative excelling in dance instruction and spoken word poetry. Floetry Fitness, her business that creates spaces for movement and poetry, has been seen on Breakfast Television's "Movin in the Mornings", Nia Centre, Black Women in Motion and the City of Pickering.

Learn more about Black Lit Durham: [Black Canadian Literature - BlackLit Durham](#)

## Aao Gidha Payie presents Holi Festival and Mutiaran on dance floor

Date and Time: Friday, March 3 7:45 pm - 11:30 pm

Address: 95 Magill Dr Ajax, ON Canada L1T 3K7

It is punjabi women cultural festival and event. close group, They will play with colors and perform their cultural dance gidha, bhangra and jhoomar, and dinner afterwards

## Saturday, March 4, 2023

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### Snow Castles in Newcastle

Date and Time: Saturday, March 4 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Address: 187 King Ave, Newcastle, ON L1B 1H4

A Gift of Art is please to announce the Snowcastles of Newcastle contest! Taking place on Saturday March 4th at the Clarington Public Library (Newcastle branch) individuals and teams will create an original snowcastle sculpture in a designated space. Sculptures will be judged on design, process, structural soundness, and overall creativity. Fantastic prizes to be won! So gather your team, shovels and snow gear for this cool competition! Whether you are a professional snowcastle artist, or a family looking for a fun filled day, we would love to see your creations! No snow? No problem! In the event Mother Nature does not decide to join us, we will create castles out of mixed recyclables!

Warming Centres will be provided both in the Library and A Gift of Art.

### Details and Contest Rules

Categories include:

- Professionals
- Family (team may consist of adults and children)
- Adults, including seniors whether formed in teams or as individuals
- Children and Youth (team only consists of children under 18)

To Register go to: <https://agiftof-art.com/classes/snowcastles-of-newcastle/>

Prizes to be won in each category!

### Saturday Studio at the RMG

Date and Time: Saturday, March 4 10:30 am - 3:00 pm

Address: 72 Queen St.

This class is filled with art making that inspires creativity and imagination! Each week will be a new adventure with sculptures, paintings, drawings, printmaking, and more using artist quality materials!

**Saturdays, January 21 to March 4**  
No class February 18

\$100 Members/ \$110 Non-members

**Ages 5-8**      **10:30am-12pm**  
**Ages 9-12**    **1-3pm**

## **Monday, March 6, 2023**

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### **Gateway to Growth Summit (Toronto Region Board of Trade)**

Date and Time: Monday, March 6 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Address: 100 Queens Quay East, 3rd Floor

The Gateway to Growth Summit puts the spotlight on unlocking the economic potential of the Pearson Economic Zone, the second largest concentration of jobs in Canada after downtown Toronto. This critical area functions as Canada's gateway to growth for business, trade, and immigration and has the potential to dramatically fuel our region's ability to compete at a global scale.

## **Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

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### **What's Brewing - Oshawa Chamber of Commerce**

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 7 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Address: Symposium Café 2630 Simcoe Street N Oshawa

Join your Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce for an informal coffee and networking event.

### **Planning and Economic Development Committee Meeting**

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 7 9:30 am

### **Radical Restructuring: Empowering Women for Tomorrow - Celebrating International Women's Day**

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 7 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: Chestnut Hill Developments Recreation Complex, O'Brien Arena, 1867 Valley Farm Road, Pickering. The O'Brien Arena can be accessed at the back of the recreation centre via the east entrance from Diefenbaker Court.

A banner for International Women's Day Celebration. It features a dark purple background with wavy, abstract shapes in shades of orange and red on the left and right sides. The text "International Women's Day Celebration" is written in a white, bold, sans-serif font in the center.

## **International Women's Day Celebration**

## **Radical Restructuring: Empowering Women for Tomorrow**

Durham Region and community partners invite you to attend the Durham Region International Women's Day Celebration on March 7, from noon to 4 p.m.! Admission is free.

Join us for an afternoon that celebrates women in business. Featuring keynote speaker, Paulette Senior, CEO of the Canadian Women's Foundation; a panel discussion with empowered, inspirational women; a women in business trade show; and networking lunch.

Please register by March 3. We look forward to seeing you there.

**This event is brought to you by:**

- The Regional Municipality of Durham
- Town of Ajax
- Township of Brock
- Municipality of Clarington
- City of Oshawa

- City of Pickering
- Township of Scugog
- Township of Uxbridge
- Town of Whitby
- Canadian Council of Muslim Women, Durham Chapter
- Durham Family & Cultural Centre
- Tamil Cultural and Academic Society of Durham
- Women's Multicultural Resource and Counselling Centre of Durham

#### Event Details

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**Register for Celebration:** [Radical Restructuring: Empowering Women for Tomorrow](#)

## Wednesday, March 8, 2023

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### BACD Start Up Session (BACD)

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 8 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Address: Welcome Centre Immigrant Services, 458 Fairall Street, #5, Ajax, ON

Start Up Session: An overview of the fundamental elements of success for every business (Business Concept, Marketing & Sales, Operations and Finance) and gives the steps needed to start successfully and to grow.

### Works Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 8 9:30 am

### IWD - Inspiring Stories of Women in the Canadian Nuclear Industry (OCNI)

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 8 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Please join the Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI) and Women in Nuclear (WiN) for the International Women's Day webinar where we focus on stories of accomplished women in the nuclear industry. The webinar will feature four short talks by accomplished women in the nuclear field, each with a unique story to tell. Speakers will discuss their personal journeys of building a career in the industry, as well as successes and insights. The event will inspire us in our individual and collective efforts for gender equality.

### Transit Executive Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 8 1:30 pm

### She Means Business - Celebrating International Women's Day (BACD)

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 8 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Address: Brunch & Co 163 Brock St. N., Whitby, ON

Join us at Brunch & Co. Whitby to celebrate International Women's Day and to connect authentically with like minded people. Take the opportunity to engage in interesting conversations, share your story and prioritize yourself and your business.

## Thursday, March 9, 2023

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### CRA Webinar - Small Businesses and Self-Employed Individuals (BACD)

Date and Time: Thursday, March 9 9:30 am - 11:30 am

This seminar is held by CRA Professionals, and will cover: Business tax deductions, Common tax errors, Helpful tools and services offered by CRA and General bookkeeping and best practices

### Health and Social Services Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday, March 9 9:30 am

## PROBUS Club of Durham West

Date and Time: Thursday, March 9 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 75 Centennial Road, Ajax Community Centre, HMS Room, Ajax ON

PROBUS clubs provide opportunities to meet with others with similar interests. Meeting new people, making new friends, discovering new interests are just some of the advantages of being a PROBUS member.

Our members are retired business and professional persons residing in Durham Region, including Pickering, Ajax, Whitby, Brooklin, Oshawa and other areas. Our monthly meetings feature informative and entertaining speakers. They usually consist of a business portion of about a half hour, a thirty minute socializing and coffee followed by a stimulating 45 minute presentation by a guest speaker. Meetings end at noon. Along with monthly social events and 21 activity groups who meet regularly, its a great way to meet new people. See our website on How to Join at <https://durhamwestprobus.org/page-18068>

## BACD Business Fundamentals: Marketing & Sales

Date and Time: Thursday, March 9 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

The Marketing and Sales session is an introduction to the marketing and sales strategy (aka plan) necessary to grow your business. Marketing is imperative to building sales for your business.

## Friday, March 10, 2023

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### Purple Woods Annual Maple Syrup Festival

Date and Time: Friday, March 10 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Address: Purple Woods Conservation Area, 38 Coates Road East, Oshawa, Ontario

Come out and experience a Canadian spring in Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority's sugarbush at Purple Woods Conservation Area! Sap collected from hundreds of sugar maple trees is boiled on site into delicious maple syrup. On your self-guided tour, you can visit our modern evaporator, enjoy activities, horse-drawn wagon rides, maple taffy and, of course, pancakes with real maple syrup. Don't forget to stop by our Heritage Store to purchase some maple treats to take home!

### March Break at Canadian Automotive Museum

Date and Time: Friday, March 10 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Address: 99 Simcoe St. South

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## Saturday, March 11, 2023

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### Blippi: The Wonderful World Tour!

Date and Time: Saturday, March 11 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Blippi is live at Tribute Communities Centre March 11th - [Tickets on sale now](#).

Blippi is coming to Oshawa for the ultimate curiosity adventure in Blippi: The Wonderful World Tour! So, come on! Dance, sing, and learn with Blippi and special guest Meekah as they discover what makes different cities unique and special. Will there be monster trucks, excavators, and garbage trucks galore? You bet! So get ready to shake those wiggles out and OJ Twist your way through this brand-new musical party!

## Blippi Live!

Date and Time: Saturday, March 11 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Address: Tribute Communities Centre - 99 Athol Street East, Oshawa

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Groups who book together as 10+ people can save off the ticket price! Email [Melissa.smits@oakviewgroup.com](mailto:Melissa.smits@oakviewgroup.com) for more information.

## Perk Up, Pianist starring Sarah Hagen

Date and Time: Saturday, March 11 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Address: 78 Church St S, Ajax ON

Often referred to as the next Victor Borge, Sarah has transformed her award-winning role as “concert pianist” into a stand-up, or rather, sit-down comedy. Pairing anecdotes with music, “Perk Up, Pianist!” takes audiences deep inside the world of a classical musician as she shares her earnest efforts to keep her spirits up in the midst of troublesome times. Described as “one of the best hours I’ve ever spent at the Fringe” [The Coast (Halifax)].

“Perk Up, Pianist!” tells the tale of a touring classical musician remaining optimistic in the midst of challenging and ridiculous situations. Of the show’s debut at the Toronto Fringe Festival, Montreal Rampage wrote, “Hagen reminds us the beauty of how an honest solo performance can make you so easily fall in love with its performer.”

## Sunday, March 12, 2023

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### OPG Sunday: Fringe Feather Craft in Association with the Durham and Oshawa Metis Council

Date and Time: Sunday, March 12 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Address: 72 Queen St. Civic Centre Oshawa, ON

This month, create fringe art led by Métis Council instructor Kathy Morgan. Decorate your fringe with colourful beads and feathers to design unique art that you can attach to bags, purses or key rings. Explore the [Mamanaw Pekiskwewina | Mother Tongues: Dish with One Spoon Territory](#) project colouring book *Story and Song* to customize your own page and display proudly!

## Monday, March 13, 2023

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## March Break: School Days at the OM

Date and Time: Monday, March 13 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Address: Oshawa Museum

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## Land Division Committee Meeting

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## Laser Tag March Break Special

Date and Time: Monday, March 13 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Address: 690 Taunton Road West, Oshawa, Ontario, L1L 0N9

Battle City offers 3 Games for the Price of 2 during March Break 2023.

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### **Bring Your Creations to Life. Why Intellectual Property Matters (BACD)**

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 14 9:30 am - 10:30 am

This seminar will introduce you to trademarks, patents, trade secrets, industrial designs and copyright.

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## **Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

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### **BACD Start Up Session**



Date and Time: Wednesday, March 15 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

These sessions are ideal for budding entrepreneurs and those considering opening their own small business or wanting to formalize their business operations and a great place for you to start exploring the fundamentals of every successful business.

## Thursday, March 16, 2023

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## Friday, March 17, 2023

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### Java Jolt (Whitby Chamber of Commerce)

Date and Time: Friday, March 17 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Address: The Food And Art Café, 105 Dundas Street West, Whitby

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## Laser Tag March Break Special

Date and Time: Friday, March 17 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Address: 690 Taunton Road West, Oshawa, Ontario, L1L 0N9

Battle City offers 3 Games for the Price of 2 during March Break 2023.

Battle City is Ontario's Premium Laser Tag Experience. Get ready to gear up with the most advanced laser tag system at our outdoor venue. Players must be 8 years of age or older to participate in our laser tag experience.

## Saturday, March 18, 2023

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### MASTERWORKS SERIES - THE APOTHEOSIS OF THE DANCE - THE 7th

Date and Time: Saturday, March 18 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Address: 50 King St E, Oshawa ON

For music lovers who revere and immerse themselves in Beethoven's majesty, this concert is obligatory! The extravaganza begins with the Coriolan Overture followed by his sparkling Symphony No.1, culminating with the fire and expressive power of Symphony No.7.

**Recommended Age: 14+**

**Age Restrictions: 7+**

## Sunday, March 19, 2023

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### World Storytelling Day at the OM

Date and Time: Sunday, March 19 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: Oshawa Museum

In honour of World Storytelling Day and the theme of 'Together We Can,' the Oshawa Museum is proud to welcome the Durham Storytellers who will join us for an afternoon telling stories of immigration, refugees, and experiences with school days. On March 19, the Durham Storytellers will share their family's immigration experiences, of leaving their homeland to find a better way of life, refugees fleeing to foreign lands seeking a safe haven, the positive, the negative, and how these experiences may have impacted their school life.

Tickets are \$10/person; as the number of tour spots for each group time is limited, we urge you to purchase your tickets in advance to avoid disappointment.

Please be aware there are different start times for this event. Be careful when selecting your choice.

Each tour is approximately 1.5 hours in length.

## Tuesday, March 21, 2023

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### What's Brewing - Oshawa Chamber of Commerce

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 21 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Address: Symposium Café 2630 Simcoe Street N Oshawa

Join your Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce for an informal coffee and networking event.

### Employee Compensation Seminar (Ajax Pickering Board of Trade)

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 21 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Address: Hilton Garden Inn Toronto/Ajax, 500 Beck Crescent, Ajax

Learn how to attract and retain talent by taking a look at employee compensation.

### Finance and Administration Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 21 9:30 am

### Seniors Spring Social

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 21 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Let's celebrate spring together! We are offering an afternoon of tea, tours, a floral arranging workshop, and watercolour painting opportunities. This free event is funded by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program.

### Schedule of events

- Tours of the RMG exhibitions at 1pm and 2pm
- Watercolour Flowers workshop 1:30-2:00pm or 2:30-3:00pm (drop in maximum 15 per session)
- Floral Arranging Workshop with Brookstead Flowers 1:30-2:30pm (registration required maximum 20 participants) – [Register here!](#)
- Tea and Coffee in our onsite Arthurs Restaurant 1-3pm

### Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 21 7:30 pm

## Wednesday, March 22, 2023

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### Member Open House (Whitby Chamber of Commerce)

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 22 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Address: Whitby Chamber of Commerce, 209 Dundas Street East LL5, Whitby

All members are invited to join us at the Chamber office for an Open House as we introduce your Chamber team, as well as discuss benefits and opportunities available to you as part of your membership.

### Inclusive Marketing: Understanding and Reaching Your Audience (BACD)

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 22 9:30 am - 11:00 am

This session is designed to provide some insights on inclusive marketing and how you can develop a business environment that is more inviting to all.

### Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 22 9:30 am

### After Hours Chat with Uxbridge Chamber of Commerce

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 22 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Address: Boston Pizza 284 Toronto St S., Uxbridge

After hours get together with UXCC and members at Boston Pizza

We are doing a meet up after hours with the UXCC members to have an opportunity to meet other businesses in town and catch up on the musings of the businesses in town. Networking opportunity of an after hours conversation.

We buy the appetizers and you pay for any alcoholic beverages, please rsvp so we have an idea of how many appetizers to order.

## Thursday, March 23, 2023

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### Mayors' Breakfast Address (Ajax Pickering Board of Trade)

Date and Time: Thursday, March 23 7:30 am - 9:00 am

Address: Ajax Convention Centre 550 Beck Crescent Ajax

Mayors Breakfast Address - Town of Ajax, City of Pickering and Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade

### Durham College Faculty of Business Conference - Strategies for Business Resilience and Success

Date and Time: Thursday, March 23 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Address: Durham College 2000 Simcoe St N Oshawa, ON L1G 0C5

This conference will bring together the members of our business community, faculty, alumni and students for an evening of education, collaboration and celebration. The event will include educational workshops, fine dining, networking, and live entertainment. We invite you to save the date in your calendar and look forward to event details to follow.

### BACD Business Fundamentals: Financials and Operations

Date and Time: Thursday, March 23 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

In this session we discuss Financials and Operations. By understanding the accounting and financial basics and developing these operational strategies, you can create effective and efficient systems for running your business.

### Advancing Innovation, Diversity and Equity in Employment Career Fair

Date and Time: Thursday, March 23 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Address: Audley Recreation Centre, 1955 Audley Road, Ajax



## Advancing Innovation, Diversity and Equity in Employment Career Fair

Through the Confronting Racism in Durham project, the Durham Region Unemployed Help Centre, with the support of community partners, is hosting the Advancing Innovation, Diversity and Equity Employment Career Fair. This fair will promote the hiring of talent from diverse groups, including Indigenous Peoples, racialized people and others deserving equitable and fair employment.

Career-seeking attendees will have the opportunity to network with employers from Durham Region, and the Greater Toronto Area, who support inclusive and equitable workplaces.

Attendees can also participate in free workshops on topics, including workers' rights and responsibilities and professional branding. Plus, the first 100 registered attendees will get a free headshot by a professional photographer.

Registration is optional but encouraged. Walk-ins are welcome.

### Event Details

**Date:** March 23

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Address:** Audley Recreation Centre, 1955 Audley Road, Ajax

**Register:** [Career fair Eventbrite page](#).

## Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday, March 23 7:00 pm

### Introduction to Vegetable Gardening

Date and Time: Thursday, March 23 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Address: 26 Beech Avenue, Bowmanville

Bowmanville Garden Club invites gardeners to a free event!

"Introduction to Vegetable Gardening" will cover the why, where and how of growing your own vegetables, including a breakdown of cool and warm season crops, small space gardening and companion planting to maximize your harvest. There'll be time for questions!

Presenters are Sherry Dodson and Sarah Powell, Master Gardeners of Durham

DATE: Thursday, March 23

TIME: 7:30 to 9 p.m.

PLACE: Bowmanville Older Adult Association, 26 Beech Ave, Bowmanville, ON L1C 3A2

FREE

Limited seating: please Register at [Bowmanvillehortociety@gmail.com](mailto:b Bowmanvillehortociety@gmail.com)

## Friday, March 24, 2023

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### Friday Night Live: Big 80's Dance Party

Date and Time: Friday, March 24 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Address: 78 Church St S

Break out your leg warmers and off-the-shoulders tops; it's time for a totally tubular tribute to the dance parties of the 80's.

New Wave, Synthpop, Dance, R&B, Alternative, Hair Metal, Pop - you'll find it all here. Drop by and dance the decade. Even if you weren't around in the 80's, come and experience what you missed.

Tickets can be purchased [here](#)

### Friday Night Live - Big 80's Dance Party

Date and Time: Friday, March 24 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Address: 78 Church St. S., Ajax

Live from Ajax - it's Friday Night Live! Join us for this fun new series of events at the St. Francis Centre, that are designed to get you out of the house, having a laugh with friends or making some new ones. It's a great way to kick off the weekend!

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## Saturday, March 25, 2023

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### Songs My Mother Taught Me - Choral Concert

Date and Time: Saturday, March 25 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Address: Port Perry Theatre

RESOUND Choir focuses on motherhood, femininity, and the experiences of women during the pandemic and beyond. This multimedia performance featuring movement, poetry and three new choral commissions by Ontario composers is a joyful and thoughtful celebration of that which each of us hold dear.

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### **Captain Fantastic: A Tribute to Elton John**

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Address: 78 Church St S, Ajax ON

Captain Fantastic is based on the 70's and 80's era of Elton John's work including a five piece band and three costume changes. The show has been travelling internationally for the past 12 years, entertaining audiences at theatres, festivals, fairs, and other venues.

Don't miss this sensational tribute show, featuring favourites such as "Rocket Man", "Your Song", "Crocodile Rock", "Bennie and the Jets", and more.

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### **Tony D Presented by Music by the Bay Live**

Date and Time: Saturday, March 25 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Address: Avalon Lounge Port Whitby Marina 301 Watson St W, Whitby, ON L1N 1A2

Tony Diteodoro, guitarist, songwriter, and producer of renowned Canadian blues band, MonkeyJunk will be playing live in the intimate confines of the Avalon Lounge at the Port Whitby Marina

Tony first picked up a guitar at the age of thirteen, teaching himself to play in the blues and rock styles of Muddy Waters, Albert King, Jimi Hendrix and Jimmy Page. By the age of nineteen, his playing had progressed to the point that he had the incredible opportunity, for three glorious days, to play rhythm guitar with Rock & Roll Hall of Famer, Buddy Guy. He has also had the incomparable experience of opening the show for the one and only, Stevie Ray Vaughan.

Since 2008, Tony D has been a member of MonkeyJunk, two-time Juno Award-winners for Blues Album of the Year, and winners of no less than 20 Maples Blues Awards. He has been leading the Tony D Band since 1987, and for six years, played in the band of legendary bluesman, Dutch Mason. He has appeared onstage and on albums with other Canadian blues players such as David Gogo, Suzie Vinnick and Paul Reddick. Tony's musical interests are far and wide, and he has been known to include Flamenco and Spanish Rhythm influences into his playing with the Tony D Band.

As always at Music by the Bay Live shows, there will be a chance to meet Tony after the show, creating the complete musical experience, in which you can listen to the music that you love, and then meet the people who create it.

Tickets:

<http://musicbythebaylive.com/tickets/>

## **Sunday, March 26, 2023**

'At the Movies' with Durham Chamber Orchestra

Date and Time: Sunday, March 26 2:00 pm

Address: 60 Kearney Dr Ajax ON

Durham Chamber Orchestra is excited to bring the joy of live music with 'At The Movies.' Experience the orchestral music themes from Star Wars, Game of Thrones, Pirates of the Caribbean, and more. The orchestra and Conductor Felipe Luzuriaga, welcome local Principal Oboe Soloist, Melissa Warner. The concert is family friendly and distanced seating.

### **At The Movies with Durham Chamber Orchestra**

Date and Time: Sunday, March 26 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: Forest Brock Community Church Auditorium 60 Kearney Dr, Ajax On

Don't miss out on the 'joy' of feeling live music. Durham Chamber Orchestra is excited to bring you music themes from Star Wars, Game of Thrones, Pirates of the Caribbean, The Kings Speech and more. Conductor, Felipe Luzuriaga, welcomes local Principal Oboist, Melissa Warner. Family friendly and distanced seating.

## **Monday, March 27, 2023**

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### **Business Showcase 2023**

Date and Time: Monday, March 27 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Since 2021, the Region of Durham has hosted the Business Showcase Event, giving businesses the opportunity to share products and services with municipal staff from the Region of Durham, and our local area municipalities and other public sector partners.

## **Tuesday, March 28, 2023**

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### **Business Showcase 2023**

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 28 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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### **Mayors Luncheon & AGM (Scugog Chamber of Commerce)**

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 28 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Address: Scugog Community Recreation Centre, 1655 Reach St., Port Perry

Join us for an informative afternoon luncheon with the Chamber of Commerce! Our special guest Mayor Wilma Wotten will join us to talk about what we can expect at the Township for 2023! As well a look back and a look ahead for the Scugog Chamber of Commerce.

### **Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting**

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 28 1:00 pm

### **Bowling for Glory 2 (Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce)**

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 28 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Address: NEB's Fun World, 1300 Wilson Rd., N., Oshawa

Join us for the Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce's fan-favourite bowling event, Bowling For Glory II, benefitting Simcoe Hall Settlement House. Our goal for this event is to collect literal tonnes of food for those in need this Easter.

### **Energy from Waste-Waste Management Advisory Committee (EFW-WMAC) Meeting**

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 28 7:00 pm

## **Wednesday, March 29, 2023**

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### **Regional Council Meeting**

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 29 9:30 am

## BACD Start Up Session

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 29 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Start Up Session: An overview of the fundamental elements of success for every business (Business Concept, Marketing & Sales, Operations and Finance) and gives the steps needed to start successfully and to grow.

## Thursday, March 30, 2023

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### Business Showcase 2023

Date and Time: Thursday, March 30 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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### Transportation Symposium, Day 2: Connecting our Region's Economy to the World (Toronto Region Board of Trade)

Date and Time: Thursday, March 30 11:30 am - 5:00 pm

Address: 100 Queens Quay East - 3rd Floor

The most influential transportation event in the Toronto region is back for 2023 with our eighth annual Transportation symposium, which consists of two half-day sessions on February 8 and March 30. Attendees will have a chance to join the discussion on the most critical transportation issues facing our region alongside leading experts, influencers and policy-makers. Don't miss Toronto's biggest, most insightful transportation event of the year.

### Annual General Meeting Membership Social (Whitby Chamber of Commerce)

Date and Time: Thursday, March 30 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: Tosca Banquet Hall, 800 Champlain Ave, Oshawa

Join us for a AGM Membership Social as we review the past year, introduce our new Board of Directors and discuss what's on the horizon for Chamber programming.

### Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday, March 30 7:00 pm

## Friday, March 31, 2023

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### RMG Fridays: Piecework

Date and Time: Friday, March 31 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Address: 72 Queen St. Civic Centre Oshawa, ON

On March 31st, join us for the opening of two new exhibitions alongside our regularly scheduled RMG Friday!

We are so excited to present two new exhibitions at the RMG: *Piecework* and Brigitte Sampogna's, *Nowhere. No. Where? Now here*. Join us at 6pm to help us celebrate the work of 11 incredible artists.

6:15PM – Remarks with Curator Leila Timmins in Piecework (R.S. McLaughlin Gallery, Level 3)

6:35PM – Artist Talk with RBC Emerging Artist in Residence Brigitte Sampogna in *Nowhere. No. Where? Now here*. (Gallery A, Level 1)

Also new at the RMG: *Painters Eleven: Ontario's Abstract Collective* and *Mary Rawlyk: Domestic Disruptions*

DRIFF in a Jiff will be downstairs in the lookout with film screenings at 7:15PM. The filmmakers will be on site to answer questions.

[Mimi O'Bonsawin](#) will be performing at 8:45PM. She is a contemporary roots singer-songwriter from Northeastern Ontario. Through her rhythm and story-driven songs, Mimi embraces the beauty of the land, all the while yielding to her Franco-Ontarian and Abenaki roots. In her music you will find sounds from the forest, uplifting melodies and introspective lyrics weaved with pop sensitivities and acoustic instruments. The layers of percussion and surprising harmonies make you feel the music rather than just hear it. Mimi will be performing from her new album: [Willow](#).

Special thanks to DRIFF in a Jiff and RBC for their support with this event.



