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Make Port Perry your holiday destination and enjoy free carriage rides, sponsored by the BIA and Chamber of Commerce, shop the quaint downtown stores and enjoy a fabulous meal at one of our many great restaurants or check out the baked goods in our many bake shops. The waterfront is a great place to enjoy with the lights in Palmer Park. Plus, during the first three weeks of December, the library hosts the annual Snowflake Sale, that has lots of crafts by artisans along with other wonderful products. Come and visit: its a nice way to spend a winter day!

Friday, January 3, 2025

Yoga in the Gallery

Date and Time: Friday, January 3 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Address: Lakeview Park, 1450 Simcoe Street S, Oshawa

Breath deep, and start the new year with sun salutations with Yoga in the Gallery!

On Friday, January 3, at 9 am, we're on the mat and ready to flow. This 1-hour class is free to attend, with donations kindly accepted. All proceeds go to the Oshawa Museum. As this class is inside the Verna Conant Gallery at Guy House, space is limited, so please RSVP to book your spot.

All levels of yogis are welcome! Participants are required to bring their own mats, water, and any props that support your practice.

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Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Community Growth and Economic Development Committee Meeting

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

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Works Committee Meeting

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

BACD Business Fundamentals: Business Planning

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

Find out the differences between a business plan, a business model canvas and the planning required in starting your own business.

Transit Executive Committee Meeting ***CANCELLED***

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

Thursday, January 9, 2025

Health and Social Services Committee Meeting ***CANCELLED***

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

Friday, January 10, 2025

The Neighbours Art Hive with the LivingRoom Community Art Studio

Date and Time: Friday, January 10 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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

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What to expect:

Everyone is welcome; no art experience required.

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TIFF Ajax Film Circuit presents "Jules"

Date and Time: Friday, January 10 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Address: 78 Church Street S, Ajax

Welcome to the Ajax Film Circuit! Join us for our screening of *Jules* at the St. Francis Centre for Community, Arts and Culture.

Milton (Ben Kingsley) lives a quiet life of routine in a small western Pennsylvania town, but finds his day upended when a UFO and its extra-terrestrial passenger crash land in his backyard. Before long, Milton develops a close relationship with the visitor who he calls "Jules". Things become complicated when two neighbours (Harriet Sanson Harris and Jane Curtain) discover Jules and the government quickly closes in. What follows is a funny, wildly inventive ride as three neighbours find meaning and connection later in life – thanks to an unlikely stranger. This science-fiction comedy-drama is sure to have you looking to the skies, or even your own backyard for life among the stars. Concessions and cash bar available.

To view the *Jules* trailer, please click [HERE](#).

Tickets are \$12/ticket and are available online at ajax.ca/sfc or at the Ajax and McLean Community Centres, the Audley Recreation Centre, at the St. Francis Centre Box Office, or by calling 905-619-2529, ext. 2787 (ARTS)

Saturday, January 11, 2025

John Sheard and His Band Presents Homeward Bound - Ode to Simon and Garfunkel

Date and Time: Saturday, January 11 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Address: 50 King Street E, Oshawa

This performance has been rescheduled. Ticket holders have been notified.

Presented by: Blackrose Entertainment in Association with CKDO 107.7 FM 1580 AM

John Sheard brings an all-star band to present the music of one of the best-selling music groups of the 1960s. Their biggest hits reached the number one on singles charts worldwide. Simon & Garfunkel won 10 Grammy Awards and were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990. Their final album together, Bridge over Troubled Water, is ranked at number 51 on Rolling Stone's 500 Greatest Albums of All Time. They are among the best-selling music artists, having sold more than 100 million records.

Probably best known as music director for Stuart Mclean's Vinyl Café from 1997-2016, Toronto's John Sheard has released 8 solo piano recordings and continues to work with artists of all styles and mentor many young musicians.

John's tribute to Simon and Garfunkel returns to the Regent by popular demand.

Recommended Age: 14+

Age Restriction: 7+

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

Finance and Administration Committee Meeting ***CANCELLED***

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 14 9:30 am

BACD Start Up Session

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 14 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Address: Durham Region Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East

Find out the differences between a business plan, a business model canvas and the planning required in starting your own business.

Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 14 7:30 pm

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 15 9:30 am

Thursday, January 16, 2025

BACD Business Fundamentals: Marketing and Sales

Date and Time: Thursday, January 16 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

This session will help you create a marketing plan that targets your ideal customer and help you identify the marketing tactics.

Summer Student Employment: Information for Black Students (Virtual)

Date and Time: Thursday, January 16 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Find out more about employment at the Region

Find out how a summer student position at the Region will set you up for success in your future career, including:

1. Why you should consider the Region as a place to work and grow.
2. How the summer student program provides an opportunity to gain work experience and develop career skills that will support your transition from post-secondary education to future full-time employment.
3. What it's like to work at the Region from staff firsthand.

Microsoft Teams link:

[Join the meeting now](#)

Curatorial Tour: Christina Leslie: Likkle Acts

Date and Time: Thursday, January 16 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm

Address: 72 Queen St. Civic Centre Oshawa

Walk through the exhibition [Christina Leslie: Likkle Acts](#) with exhibition curator Hannah Keating. Hannah will explain how the works were made and the stories and ideas that motivated Christina to create them.

Curatorial Tours are free and open to everyone. They provide deeper insight into the themes, context, and content of our exhibitions. Seating options are available. For more information about access and our facilities, please visit [this page](#) or contact Hannah Keating at hkeating@rmg.on.ca with any specific requests. No advance registration required.

Durham Environment and Climate Advisory Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday, January 16 7:00 pm

Friday, January 17, 2025

The Neighbours Art Hive with the LivingRoom Community Art Studio

Date and Time: Friday, January 17 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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Mudmen live at the Biltmore Theatre

Date and Time: Friday, January 17 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Address: 39 King Street East, Oshawa

Biltmore Theatre Presents:

Mudmen

Always entertaining and definitely unique, Mudmen are a blast of Celtic energy whose members are known to be characters both on and off the stage. First discovered as "The Campbell Brothers", the Brothers signed a record deal with EMI Records changing their name to "Mudmen" in the late 90's. Re established in 1998 Mudmen have performed at festivals, theatres, events & clubs in 8 different countries with over 3000 shows to date and 11 studio albums.

Friday January 17th 2024

Doors 7PM

Show 8PM

Age Restrictions: 19+

1st Floor: General Admission Standing Capacity

Mezzanine: Seated on a first come basis.

Saturday, January 18, 2025

Learn to Carve a Wooden Spoon

Date and Time: Saturday, January 18 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Address: Smiling Frog Wood Studio, 3 South Balsam street, Uxbridge

Join Shawn Hermans from Smiling Frog Wood Studio in Uxbridge Ontario for a hands on workshop and hand carve your own wooden spoon. This workshop will provide participants with spoon blanks, tools, and instruction that covers safety, spoon design, equipment, knife grips, sharpening, and more. All carving tools will be available to use.

The Witches Gathering: Winter Fire

Date and Time: Saturday, January 18 11:10 am - 4:00 pm

Address: Markets Ontario, 62 King St W, Bowmanville

Gather with us to celebrate alternative local artists as we bring the fire on a moody winter afternoon.

The Amazing Magic Mel

Date and Time: Saturday, January 18 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 78 Church Street S, Ajax

Find your "inner magic" with The Amazing Magic Mel in this upbeat, hilarious, and all around interactive magical experience that is uplifting, funny, and will leave you spellbound. Mel loves entertaining audiences of all ages with her dazzling personality and captivating magical talents. For nearly 15 years, Magic Mel has been entertaining tens of thousands of children and adults all over the world and has now become one of Canada's top female magicians. Don't miss this

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Sunday, January 19, 2025

Tea & Talk: Chinese-Canadian History: An Oshawa Perspective

Date and Time: Sunday, January 19 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Address: Lakeview Park 1450 Simcoe Street S, Oshawa

Join the Oshawa Museum for the Tea & Talk series. Enjoy your tea and scones while Museum staff lead engaging historical discussions.

This month's Tea & Talk examines the long, and at times difficult, history of Chinese immigration to Canada from the perspective of local families and their experiences. After the talk, visit the exhibit, Untold Oshawa, to make connections between the talk, and to discover other stories which shine a spotlight on the tapestry of experiences that have shaped Oshawa.

Tickets for Tea & Talks are \$10/person (\$5 for members) - tickets sell out FAST, so be sure to RSVP!

Monday, January 20, 2025

Summer Student Employment: Information for Black Students (Virtual)

Date and Time: Monday, January 20 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

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Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Behind the Scenes as a Film Set at Parkwood

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 21 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Address: 65 Debwewin Miikan (formerly Bagot Street), Oshawa

Samantha George, Curator at Parkwood National Historic Site, offers a behind-the-scenes glimpse of the renowned filming location, known for its well-preserved architecture and grounds. She discusses her experiences with the film industry, highlighting the challenges of balancing filming with preservation to safeguard the estate for future generations.

January's Local History Speaker Series is taking place Tuesday, January 21 at 6PM. The Speaker Series will be held at the McLaughlin Branch of the Oshawa Public Libraries, in the lower level auditorium, located at 65 Debwewin Miikan (formerly Bagot Street), Oshawa.

The Local History Speaker Series is an event presented in partnership between the Oshawa Historical Society and the Oshawa Public Libraries.

Tea & History Speaker Series - Famous People Who Were Spies

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 21 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Address: Whitby Central Library, 405 Dundas Street West, Whitby

Did you know that Ian Fleming was a real life spy who was connected to Whitby's own Camp X? Join premiere Camp X historian and espionage expert Marlene Hodgson as she shares the surprising secrets of your favourite celebrities.

Pre-register online at lyndehousemuseum.com/events or phone 905-665-3131.

By donation. Refreshments provided.

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Ready, Set, Grow

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 22 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Address: EarlyON Whitby St. Marguerite d'Youville Catholic School 250 Michael Blvd, Whitby

Do you have questions about your child's development, learning, speech, or behaviour?

Attend a free drop-in for parents and caregivers of children birth to six years old. Bring your children and ask qu

estions about development, learning, speech, and behaviour. Professionals from agencies will be present to answer your questions.

Thursday, January 23, 2025

Google Business Profile

Date and Time: Thursday, January 23 9:30 am - 10:30 am

In this workshop, you will learn how to create and manage a Google Business Profile from start to finish.

Durham Region Anti-Racism Taskforce Committee Meeting

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

Friday, January 24, 2025

The Neighbours Art Hive with the LivingRoom Community Art Studio

Date and Time: Friday, January 24 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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Saturday, January 25, 2025

Habibi Culture

Date and Time: Saturday, January 25 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Address: The Souk 124 Dundas Street E, Whitby

Al Markaz invites the community to 'step into the Arab world' - a curated experience.

Experience the diverse cultures of the Arab world.

Support emerging artists.

Connect with community.

Enjoy a showcase of visuals, sounds and the love of culture (Habibi = My Love in Arabic) through the diverse narratives / art of South West Asia and North Africa (SWANA) / Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

Featuring the work of local artists and creatives, a vendor market and an enchanting display to immerse the senses...

Suitable for all ages.

Buy your tickets [here](#).

\$25 Adults (Children under 5 are free)

Ticket includes beverage and dessert

Funds Raised Will Support:

Humanitarian relief efforts and medical support for the children of Lebanon, Palestine and Sudan.

About Al Markaz:

Al Markaz (the centre) is a platform showcasing the arts and culture of South West Asia and North Africa (SWANA) / Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

Al Markaz looks to inspire, inform and share the diverse narratives of the region; providing a platform for people who are both underrepresented and misrepresented by the mainstream.

@almarkaz.to

About 'The Souk':

Local ethical cafe in downtown Whitby.

A coffee hub and social good space helping the community bloom and the generous host of our arts and culture event.

@thesouk.whitby

The Faceoff

Date and Time: Saturday, January 25 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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

Get ready for an unforgettable night of hockey history and fierce rivalry as the Toronto Maple Leafs Alumni face off against the Boston Bruins Alumni in a thrilling exhibition game at the Tribute Communities Centre in Oshawa, Ontario on Saturday, January 25, 2025. Presented by Dan Plowman Team Realty Inc., this exciting event, titled The Faceoff, brings together alumni players from both teams for a one-of-a-kind matchup, with a portion of proceeds benefiting Their Opportunity, which provides underprivileged youth with the opportunity to play sports and engage in community activities.

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Bob Marley Birthday Tribute Concert

Date and Time: Saturday, January 25 8:00 pm

Address: Biltmore Theatre, 39 King St E, Oshawa

Biltmore Theatre & Reggaddiction Present:

Bob Marley Tribute

Experience a night of sweet reggae vibes and Jamaican reggae classics. Reggaddiction will take you back to the islands with a special birthday tribute to Bob Marley. Dance the night away to "Stir it Up", "Get Up Stand Up", and Bob Marley hits as we celebrate this special day in reggae music. ~ One Love

Saturday January 25th 2025

Doors 8PM

Show 9PM

Age Restrictions: 19+

GA Standing Capacity | Mezzanine Limited Seating on a first come basis.

Sunday, January 26, 2025

Bridal Open House

Date and Time: Sunday, January 26 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Address: 995 Myrtle Road W, Whitby

JOIN US FOR OUR [ROYAL ASHBURN BRIDAL OPEN HOUSE!](#)

Sunday, January 26th 2025 at Royal Ashburn

[Admission is Free](#)

Are you newly engaged? Congratulations! Join us for a magical day at Royal Ashburn Golf Club, where wedding inspiration comes to life. Explore our breathtaking venue, meet top-tier wedding vendors, receive specialty s wag bags, and start bringing your dream day to reality.

Enjoy light refreshments, tour our elegant spaces, and gather creative ideas to make your celebration unforgettable. Whether you're starting from scratch or perfecting the details, our bridal open house has everything to help make your day truly special.

Date: January 26th, 2025

Time: 11 am – 3 pm

Location: Royal Ashburn Golf Club

995 Myrtle Road, W. Whitby ON

We can't wait to welcome you and help make your wedding planning as seamless and enjoyable as your special day will be. RSVP today to secure your spot!

Let the journey to your happily ever after begin at Royal Ashburn.

Monday, January 27, 2025

1855 Masterclass Presented by Invest Durham: Business Leadership & The Changing Landscape

Date and Time: Monday, January 27 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Address: 360insights, 300 King Street Whitby, ON L1N 4Z4

For over 25 years, business leadership has faced profound disruption; from new technologies, shifts in economic thinking to global pandemics and changing regulations.

So what's next? Have we truly tamed these disruptions, or is there more upheaval on the horizon?

And what do the leaders of tomorrow need to know to excel?

Join us for an insightful keynote, followed by an interactive discussion with our seasoned leadership panel, who will delve into critical topics such as:

- Adaptability and Agility
- Communication and Transparency
- Empathy and Emotional Intelligence
- Empowerment and Autonomy
- Collaboration and Team Building
- Resilience and Mental Toughness
- Strategic Decision-Making
- Transformational Leadership
- Technology and Innovation
- Organizational Culture
- Sustainability and Long-Term Thinking

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Small Business Financing Workshop

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 28 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Address: Ajax Public Library, Main Branch, 55 Harwood Avenue, South

Learn about the financing options that are available to small business owners to start or grow your business. Panelists from the Business Advisory Centre of Durham (BACD), BDC, Grant Thornton, and RBC will share information about their programs and answer your questions. Presented in partnership with the Town of Ajax, Economic Development.

9-1-1 Management Board Meeting

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 28 10:00 am

BACD Start Up Session

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 28 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

An overview of the fundamental elements of success for every business and gives the steps needed to start successfully and to grow.

Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

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

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

Regional Council Meeting

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

BACD Business Fundamentals: Financials and Operations

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 29 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

In this session BACD talks about accounting and financial basics and developing operations in your business.

Thursday, January 30, 2025

Brent Butt

Date and Time: Thursday, January 30 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Address: The Regent Theatre 50 King Street E, Oshawa

Comedian Brent Butt is coming to Oshawa at The Regent Theatre on Jan 30th! Tickets on-sale now

Expressive Arts Workshop: Transformation Collage

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

Address: 72 Queen St. Civic Centre Oshawa

Presented in partnership with PeaceLove and [Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences](#), join us for an Expressive Arts Workshop focused on how art can promote mental well-being. The evening will start with a tour of the exhibition [Breakthrough](#) featuring the art of Jack Bush who found healing and joy through his art. The workshop will provide a safe space for participants to share, self-reflect, grow and heal through artful collage. No art experience is required. All materials and aprons will be provided.

[Registration is required.](#)

Friday, January 31, 2025

The Neighbours Art Hive with the LivingRoom Community Art Studio

Date and Time: Friday, January 31 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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

The gallery invites you to join us for artmaking and community connection in *The Neighbours Art Hive* between 12-3:30pm every Friday from January 10 to February 14, 2025. Passionate and helpful volunteers from the LivingRoom Community Art Studio will be onsite to support your creative explorations and cultivate a warm and welcoming environment for all. Participants are welcome to take their projects with them or hang them up for everyone to enjoy!

What to expect:

Everyone is welcome; no art experience required.

These drop-in events are free.

You're welcome to come and go as you please.

Coffee, tea, and light snacks will be served.

The Neighbours Art Hive is a temporary installation at the RMG that transforms the gallery into an active studio space with help from [the LivingRoom Community Art Studio](#). Outside of these facilitated sessions, we also invite all our neighbours to drop in any time during operating hours to make use of the free art materials on their own time. The RMG is located at 72 Queen Street, Civic Centre in Oshawa, across from the McLaughlin Branch of the Oshawa Public Libraries. *The Neighbours Art Hive* is in Gallery A, which is located on the lower level of the RMG. It is accessible by stairs or elevator. Between the elevator and Gallery A, you'll pass our public washrooms. We have an accessible single-stall washroom as well as gender-inclusive multi-stall washrooms. Read more about our facilities [here](#).

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