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Martha Cruikshank opens the season at the NOTL Golf Club Saturday morning, with golfer Harry Huizer sharing the first tee time, with golf pro Billy Simkin and owner/operator John Wiens there to cheer them on. (Penny Coles)

## Golf club opens for 2020 season

Penny Coles  
The Local

Never has the start of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Club season been welcomed with as much enthusiasm as it was Saturday morning.

Anticipating many members would be hoping for the 8 a.m. tee time, the first of the 2020 season, John Wiens, club owner and operator, and golf pro Billy Simkin decided an auction would be a fair and worthwhile way to offer their members the opportunity to vie for that spot, and at the same time help out the local food bank.

Although they received several generous bids, the big surprise, says Wiens, was an email from a member who is in the U.S., offering \$5,000. The member, who wanted to remain anonymous, wouldn't be in NOTL Saturday morning to play, and instead wanted to give the tee time to members who fell

into the category of club legends and ambassadors.

So Wiens reached out to Jim Brown and Doug Garrett, two long-standing senior members in the legends category. But both are dealing with health issues, and were still "in spring training," says Wiens, and not quite ready to get out on the course.

He also contacted the men's Ryder Cup captain, Harry Huizer, and ladies Solheim Cup captain Martha Cruikshank, who were both delighted to get the call and be the first to play the course Saturday, and readily accepted.

Newark Neighbours will receive \$5,000, plus several donations from others who chose to give their bids to the local food bank.

Everyone who took part in the auction was able to play Saturday, says Simkin,

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## Dog owners happy to hear groomers open for business

Penny Coles  
The Local

Once word was out Niagara-on-the-Lake dog groomers were back in business, Liz Chorney's phone started to go crazy.

By Saturday, the local groomer had about 200 phone messages from clients who couldn't wait to have their pets bathed, de-matted, nails trimmed, looking and feeling great.

It's been two months since

appointments had to be cancelled, says Chorney, and March, when groomers were classified non-essential and had to close their doors, is the busiest time of year for them.

"We call it 'matted March,'" she says, when dogs' hair has grown out since their Christmas cut. Many pet owners prefer to leave their dogs' fur longer during the coldest months, and by March, when the weather warms up, it creates wet and mucky situations for dogs who are beginning to

spend more time outdoors. That's when they most need a trip to their groomer the most, she says.

Since closure was imposed on groomers due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Chorney has received phone calls every day from clients desperate to have their dogs cleaned up.

It's not just about pets having pretty hair styles or smelling good, she says, it's about treating their skin conditions, trimming long nails that can

curve so much they grow into paw pads, which she knew was happening, checking for ear infections, and feeling for "lumps and bumps" that could be cancer.

She points out that groomers see their clients anywhere from every three weeks to twice a year, more often than they see their veterinarians, and during their visit, she goes over them "from nose to tail" to ensure they're healthy. "We

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Groomer Liz Chorney welcomes the opportunity to open, and get back to caring for her clients. (Photo supplied)



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# Town begins reopening in response to Provincial order

**Penny Coles**  
**The Local**

Following Thursday’s announcement from the Province, all Town tennis and pickleball courts were permitted to reopen, beginning Tuesday, May 19.

An announcement from the Town Friday asked the public “to remain patient as staff prepare the courts for use in the coming days. Those planning to play tennis or pickleball are asked to ensure preventive measures, as outlined by the Niagara Region

public health department, are followed at all times.

“Our first priority is to protect the health and safety of our community,” said Lord Mayor Betty Disero Tuesday. “We want to ensure there is a plan in place to provide a safe space for people to play. They will open as quickly as we can get them to that point.”

Tennis courts were expected to be open within the next couple of days, she said.

Town parks remain open for walk-through purposes only, and activities such as picnics in

the park and use of park benches are not yet permitted. Use of soccer fields, baseball diamonds, basketball nets, playground structures, and all other equipment continued to be off-limits, as of Tuesday.

Bylaw officers continue to assist with the education and enforcement of regulations and ensure emergency orders are obeyed.

Local business owners which opened Tuesday, as permitted by the Province, must follow the guidelines provided by the Region and Province.

“Although the provincial government is beginning to roll out their approach to recovery, Niagara-on-the-Lake is still under a state of emergency and we’re not yet ready to let down our guard,” said Disero in the announcement. “We must continue

to protect ourselves and others by staying home whenever possible, and if you do go out, it is essential that you are diligent in maintaining physical distance at all times.”

For the most accurate and up-to-date information about COVID-19 related mea-

sures being taken by Niagara-on-the-Lake, visit [notl.com/COVID-19](http://notl.com/COVID-19), or call 905-468-3266. Town staff will continue to assist and serve citizens online and over the phone between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

## Planning for future, while struggling to be optimistic

**Penny Coles**  
**The Local**

While retailers are now able to open to the public, restaurants are not.

Some have been offering pickup service, but Corks and Orzo, two Queen Street restaurants owned by local businessman Bob Mavridis, chose not to.

Running the restaurants with him, his daughter, Maria Mavridis, says it’s not as easy as it would seem, and wouldn’t have been very successful on Queen Street — that’s not where locals have been going to go to pick up food, she says.

They have one landlord — they pay \$30,000 a month for the Corks property, and own the property across the street, where they operate Orzo, a smaller space.

“This has been devastating,” she says, and although there is some optimism with stores opening this week, “it’s not going to be okay” for restaurants who expect to have to reduce the number of patrons by half, or even 30 per cent. She’s heard both figures, and thinks reopening might start at 30 per cent with a plan to increase that over time.

And at this point, she’s not that anxious to reopen, with concerns for both family and staff safety.

“It’s not as easy as it sounds,” she says, with servers having to cross sidewalks of people and planters to deliver food. She’s also unsure about how it would help, with restaurants licensed for a certain number of tables — she doesn’t see how they could increase that amount.

Maria says they need to make enough during what would be their busy season, to cover the expenses through the winter, but they won’t be able to accomplish that with a shortened season and reduced seating.

“We’ve been through 9/11, SARS, and H1N1, and we were okay, we pulled together and we came back. But this is nothing like anything we’ve been through before.”

There has been some discussion about closing Queen Street to traffic and allowing restaur-

ants to offer outdoor patios, to expand the number of tables, and Maria and Bob have planned what that could look like.

Maria says she’s been in touch with Lord Mayor Betty Disero, and has asked to be permitted to use space behind Orzo’s for a “pop-up” barbecue. She was waiting for a response, hoping it would be positive, now that Queen Street is open for business.

“I’m being optimistic. And waiting for the sun to shine — that makes all the difference on Queen Street, and we’re really hoping for the best for the other businesses and restaurants on the street.”

## Retailer reopens, with guidelines

**Penny Coles**  
**The Local**

Peter Earle is relieved to be back in business this week, thanks to a decision by the Province to allow retail stores to open, as long as they have a door to the outside.

That includes his Halley’s Fashion for Men, and all the other Queen Street retailers anxious to open to the public.

But it will be far from business as usual.

Now that retail stores are able to open to the public, he’s hoping the message from the Town will change — from warning people away, to welcoming them.

“We really need some outreach from the Town, some plan to encourage visitors to

return,” he says.

He was at his store over the weekend preparing for Tuesday’s opening, which required tape on the floor to aid physical distancing, and signs.

He and other retailers were confused about a letter from the Town they were finding last week, saying they’d be fined if they allowed the public into their stores. But after turning to Coun. John Wiens for help, and eventually hearing back from the Town’s interim CAO Sheldon Randall, it became apparent the letter was really just a matter of unfortunate timing, sent after stores were allowed to open for sidewalk pickup only, and before the provincial directives changed to permit them to open to the public.

Although he’s happy to re-

open, he’s not optimistic about business rebounding to the level it was in other summers, and that’s an issue for retailers paying high rents and high taxes, and depending on a short season to see them through the winter.

Without the Shaw Festival, which is a huge draw for Queen Street, and the borders closed to Americans, “we’re still going to have issues. Anyone thinking the rebound in going to be huge is dreaming.”

People will still be nervous about shopping, and many have seen their personal finances affected, says Earle. That, with just two people allowed at a time in small stores, will continue to present challenges. “It’s a complex situation, and there are serious issues ahead. The complications are substantive.”

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## Kids can have fun while learning about fire safety

**Penny Coles**  
**The Local**

The Town’s Fire & Emergency Services Department is engaging children in fire safety education with kits from the Fire Marshal’s Public Fire Safety Council.

The fire safety kits are designed for children from preschool to Grade 3, and come complete with a colouring/activity book, stickers, book-marks, home escape plan work sheets, a child-sized fire helmet and an assortment of toys.

Since fire prevention and public education officers are currently unable to connect with children in school environments at this time, these kits of-

fer a new avenue to deliver important messaging in a fun and interactive way. Each item in the kit carries fire safety messages.

“During these challenging times, we want to ensure that people are still thinking about and practising fire safety,” says Deputy Fire Chief Jay Plato, of community risk reduction.

“We are pleased to be able to offer fire safety kits to children within our community.”

“For the past several years, fire staff have conducted school presentations each spring, ensuring students receive important fire safety messaging,” he added. “Delivering these kits to local children will ensure they are still receiving this vital messaging.”

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Lincoln and Isabella Thwaites already have their fire safety kits. They can be ordered from the Town by email. (Photo supplied)

notl.com for a fire kit, and a member of Niagara-on-the-Lake Fire & Emergency Services will deliver it directly to your door.



Jay Plato, Deputy Fire Chief – Community Risk Reduction, and Brad Disher, Fire Prevention and Public Education Officer, show off the Fire Safety Kits that NOTL Fire and Emergency Services will be delivering to children to engage them in fire safety from home. (Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake photo)

# Groomers often catch pets' health problems

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check their ears for infection, and go over every inch of their skin. We're the first line of defence," say Chorney. Groomers are often the ones to catch problems that require a visit to a vet, she adds.

"We give them more than a hair cut."

Chorney says it's been very hard having to say no to clients, especially the older ones, and some with disabilities, who are physically unable to bathe and care for their pets themselves.

"And some dogs are just difficult. They make great pets, but they're difficult to groom."

Some veterinarians were offering health and welfare grooming, and some were not, she adds.

"I was devastated when I heard the Province had lumped us all in the same category of non-essential businesses," she says.

The phone calls from clients who were equally devastated, she says, was hard on her.

"Your heart is breaking, because you know what they're going through."

Groomers don't go into business to make a lot of money, she added — they do it because they love caring for animals.

In recent weeks, she and other locals have been lobbying the municipality and MPP Wayne Gates to have groomers

considered an essential business. Chorney says she and other local groomers couldn't have been happier to hear the news from Lord Mayor Betty Disero last Wednesday, May 13, that animal grooming could be considered essential for urgent care necessary for an animal's health and welfare, taking effect immediately. That meant Chorney and others could look after pets with the most serious needs, such as skin problems, fur that required shaving due to matting, and nail trimming.

And then, the icing on the cake came the next day, when the Province said groomers could open for business, without restrictions on the kind of care they could provide, this Tuesday.

With safety guidelines to follow, it's far from business as usual, but Chorney and others are grateful to get back to caring for their customers.

She says she started going through her records last Wednesday, notifying the clients whose pets have the worst skin issues. She began seeing them Thursday, and then spent a good portion of the weekend returning the many phone calls she's received since the welcome news from the Province.

She has been in contact with others who are members of groups for groomers, and there has been a lot of excitement and talk of preparing for the guidelines that come with

reopening, she says.

One local groomer made it known she would not be comfortable with opening, for the safety of her and her family, with her business taking place in her home.

Everyone has to make their own decision, in every business, about what they are comfortable with, says Chorney, and she respects that, but the majority of groomers she has spoken to have been anxious to get back to work, and were behind the efforts to lobby politicians to have their practices open.

She has worked hard to ensure her Grooming Boutique in Virgil would be ready to open safely, she says. She had a two-compartment receiving area built for pets, with gates to each section.

Pet owners enter through the first gate and close it. Inside there is a second gate which they open, remove the collar and leash from their dog, let the dog through the second gate and close it, at which point the dog owner can leave safely, and the pet goes straight into the tub for a nice soapy bath.

"It's safer than the grocery store or pharmacy. There is zero contact," she says.

There are other protocols in place for the safety of pet owners, pets and groomers, about picking up animals and payment, and Chorney says she has worn a mask before in her practice, because of pet

hair and dander, but will now all the time, with a shield as well. "I quite like them. They keep the hair out of my eyes. I wish I had thought of that before this."

She's not at all nervous for her own safety, she says. "I think we are very well set up."

Lisa, a long-time client of Chorney's, was her first appointment Thursday morning. Chorney knew Lisa's mother's dog Enzo, a cockapoo, would be in rough shape,

and called her first. Enzo is 16 years old, and has several health issues, including ear infections and some serious skin problems that could easily become infected without proper attention.

Neither Lisa nor her mother can groom him. "He's a cranky old man," she says, and Chorney has always been great with him.

"Liz just works her magic and gets it done."

She can't say enough about

the importance of having a good groomer, and Chorney is that, and more.

Lisa, who didn't want her last name published, says she felt "100 per cent" comfortable with the receiving area and other measures Chorney is taking for the safety of all.

"Liz's set up should be the gold standard for grooming safety. It's a great setup."

And after his session with Chorney, Enzo, she says, "must feel like a million dollars."

## 40th anniversary Terry Fox Run to be virtual

Penny Coles  
The Local

This year is the 40th anniversary of the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope, with a theme of One Day. Your Way.

Joan King, organizer of the Niagara-on-the-Lake run, says it will be a virtual event, to be held Sunday, Sept. 20.

Runners, walkers, and cyclists, including families and children, are being encouraged to run, walk or ride through their neighbourhood, registering as individuals, families or a virtual team, and to start their fundraising efforts now.

King has always planned

events leading up to the fun to increase fundraising efforts locally, including a comedy evening with Joe Pillitteri, a strong supporter of the Terry Fox run. As much as that will be missed, she's working with him to come up with an alternative, she says.

She had been planning a small event at the Prince of Wales Hotel in July, as a way to recognize the 40th anniversary of the day Fox attended a celebration there during his run.

That won't happen either, but she will be selling 40th anniversary T-shirts and looking for other ways to safely recognize the milestone.

On 10 a.m. Wednesday,

May 20, Adidas launched a Terry Fox tribute collection that includes the same blue sneaker Fox wore throughout his attempt to run across Canada, a T-shirt, and other memorabilia, with 100 per cent of net proceeds going to The Terry Fox Foundation to support cancer research.

On Sept. 20, "anyone can join the run," says King, who hopes the ability to run from home might attract more participants.

"Start your fundraising online — all the information is available. Cancer can't wait for this to be over."

For more information, visit <https://terryfox.org/run/>.

### Introducing the walk-thru



Robin Ridesic of The Exchange Brewery isn't comfortable opening to the public just yet, so instead, she's converted the brewery's front door to a "walk-thru" takeout window, "very COVID-friendly," she says, with plexiglass covering most of the opening and a space just big enough to slide beer bottles through. (Photo supplied)



### Notice of Approval of Tax & Rate By-law 2020 Tax Rates for General Levy & Special Area Levies

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake will consider a report for the 2020 Tax Rates for General Levy and Special Area Levies at the Council meeting on:

**Monday, May 25, 2020**

**6:00 p.m.**

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A copy of the report will be available on the Town website at [www.notl.com](http://www.notl.com) on Thursday, May 21, 2020. Delegation requests to speak to the report must be arranged prior to the meeting date. Registrations to speak must be submitted to the Office of the Town Clerk in writing no later than 12:00 p.m. on May 22, 2020.

Final approval of the By-law will be considered at the May 25, 2020 Council Meeting.

For further information, please contact the Corporate Services Department at **905 468-3266**.

# Library set to open for drop-offs this week

**Penny Coles**  
**The Local**

When Ontario's first stage of economic recovery was announced last week, Cathy Simpson was surprised to discover libraries were among the services that could reopen Tuesday, for pickup and delivery.

The head librarian and CEO of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library says although she has been in regular communication with the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries and the Ontario Library Association, "we weren't given a head's up that this was coming."

Listening to the news last Thursday was the first she heard of a date, leaving her scrambling for supplies and a plan to ensure she can begin providing services safely

for staff and library patrons. Doors will remain closed to the public, but Simpson expected to be offering at least a drop-off for books by Wednesday.

Delivery would likely be first offered for those who are shut-ins, possibly with a combination of volunteers and staff involved.

Simpson was unsure Tuesday about a date for offering curbside pickup of books, but says she is expecting it to be available in the next two weeks.

She is picturing a service similar to what retailers are offering, but "there are a lot of logistics to work out first."

She said Monday she was also requiring clarification from the municipality, which will have to be involved in any reopening plans.

At this point, the library

is closed to staff, who are working from home, and they were expecting it to remain closed until June 30.

Simpson has been working on protocols for reopening, expecting it to unfold in stages, and expected book drop-offs and pickups to come first.

But at this point, Simpson says, while they have a sufficient supply of masks for staff, both washable and disposable, they are short of other personal protective equipment, including gloves, which she wants available to staff before they begin sorting returned library materials. "Gloves have been sourced, but they're not going to come for a while," she says.

"The consensus among libraries is to quarantine return materials for 72 hours," she adds, before they go

back on the shelf.

Simpson was talking to library board members Wednesday about next steps.

"We want to be sure we're prepared and everyone's safe."

Although the Province may call for the opening of libraries to the public, as it has with retailers, that decision has to include consultation with the municipality. "We can't just open the doors to the public the way we're set up now. We need to go in and make some changes. We're lucky we have spacing between our shelving, but we have to get rid of some furniture. We're not sure about public computers — some people really need the computers."

Arrangements have to be made for sanitizing, and possibly plexiglass installed



Cathy Simpson, chief librarian and CEO of the NOTL Public Library. (File photo)

at the check-out desk.

"We're still assuming we've got until the end of June, with an opening July 2, but that could change."

Simpson suggests pa-

trons call 1-289-401-3216 for more information, email [notllibrary@gmail.com](mailto:notllibrary@gmail.com), or visit the library website at <https://notlpubliclibrary.org>.

# Crash sidelines Operation Inspiration



Capt. Jenn Casey (Photo supplied)

**Randy Klaassen**  
**Special to The Local**

Hearts of Canadians were deeply saddened this past Sunday at the news of the crash of one of the Snowbird aircraft in Kamloops, BC, resulting in the death of Capt. Jenn Casey, and serious injuries to the pilot, Capt. Richard MacDougall.

The Snowbirds began an Operation Inspiration tour on the east coast about two weeks ago to cross Canada, saluting front-line health-care workers, first responders, and essential workers, and to boost the morale of Canadians struggling with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Canadian Forces (CF) Snowbirds, 431 Air Demonstration Squadron members, are a familiar sight at Niagara District Airport, having performed an airshow here in September 2019.

While the public watches the team's signature nine-jet formation perform amazing displays of flying skill, on the ground is a large crew of personnel who make every flight possible.

In addition to pilots, there are technicians, mobile



Capt. Jenn Casey, on the ramp with the Snowbirds at the Niagara District Airport last September. Said to be skilled at using social media to promote Snowbirds events, she has a phone in her hand, likely to take a photo. (Randy Klaassen)

support operators, resource managers, engineers, logistics officer, and a public affairs officer; the latter role filled by Capt. Casey.

According to the Royal Canadian Air Force website, Casey is from Halifax, NS, and joined Canada's Armed Forces in 2014 after several years working as a journalist.

As public affairs officer for the Snowbird team, Capt. Casey provided communications advice to the team's commander, and in turn informed the public of the

roles, activities and work of the Snowbird team. While an airshow takes less than an hour to perform, the various members of the team work a long day to prepare, and then to review, every detail of the flight, with focus on safety.

While the iconic CT-114 Tutor jets were built in the 1960s as a training aircraft, they are constantly upgraded. The aircraft flown by the Snowbirds are slightly modified from the original training version to enhance performance during low-level aro-

batic flying.

In a statement, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said he is "deeply saddened," and that his thoughts are with the families of Capt. Casey and Capt. MacDougall, and the entire Snowbirds team. He thanked emergency crews in Kamloops for responding quickly.

Randy Klaassen frequently writes articles of community interest for The Local, and is a volunteer with Civil Air Search And Rescue Association, Niagara, based at Niagara District Airport.



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# EDITORIAL

## As reopening begins, let's continue to protect each other

Our focus in recent weeks — recent months, really, how crazy is that — has been on essential businesses and the efforts they have gone to in order to operate safely, for their staff, and for us, their customers.

This week's business openings add another layer to the conversation. Retailers who had just become accustomed to curbside pickup, are now permitted to open their doors to the public, very carefully. And once the tennis and pickleball courts have been made ready by the Town, those too will open. As will the library, although with a very limited service to begin with. And of course, we listen to the news daily to see what else is changing.

Are we comfortable with the gradual reopenings? Do we feel safe? Or more important, do the business owners and their staff feel safe?

That will depend on how we react.

We need to proceed with caution. And, as we have said before, with kindness, and patience, understanding we are still far from business as usual.

Have any of you noticed an increased number of people wearing masks in public? As we're told it's time to safely reopen businesses, it seems the message about wearing masks is becoming stronger. And it's not about feeling safe or protecting ourselves, it's about reducing the risk to others, and making them feel more comfortable about being out in public.

It's not fun wearing a mask. It heats up quickly in that little bit of cotton, and in the short time that we have to wear them. It is slightly uncomfortable, probably because it's a new experience for most of us, and we feel a little self-conscious. However, it shows we're thinking of others, that it's one more way we're willing to make a small sacrifice to help beat this vi-

rus, and to keep others safe. It's really a small ask, for what could be a huge gain. Agreeing to wear one is a decision to be kind, especially to the seniors in our community who are nervous about being out. That decision could make a difference between continuing to see more openings unroll and a loosening of other guidelines, or having to go back to shuttering businesses and tightening restrictions again.

Masks are likely to be around for a while, so it's time we suck it up, get used to the mild discomfort, and wear one when we're out in public.

And when we've all got our masks on — not the medical variety, which should be saved for front-line workers, but one of the many alternatives — we might think about supporting local businesses that are struggling, and that contribute so much to the town's economy. We may not all be

accustomed to shopping on Queen Street, but it's an easy way to get out and shop in person, rather than waiting weeks for something we've ordered online. Successful businesses in town can have a ripple effect, so as long as we're able to be cautious and patient, it may be something to consider. There are already some empty storefronts, and that isn't good for any of us.

We are all responsible for protecting ourselves, but we also continue to have a role to play in protecting others. We've heard that at least one business on Queen Street was fined because customers waiting on the street were not physical distancing, and although it's important the guidelines are obeyed, it's easy to understand why that could be difficult for a staff person inside to control what is happening outside. As businesses reopen with trepidation, we can help, by choosing to follow the guide-

lines set out for us.

We are each in our own situation, our own bubble, of how this pandemic affects us. Some adjust well to staying home but are nervous going out. Others just want to be out and pretending everything is normal. And many are looking for ways to help — there are so many great stories out there of people reaching out to help those in need. For all of us, it's as simple as helping friends and neighbours by wearing a mask, physical distancing, not touching things when we're out, washing our hands and making it second nature to keep our hands away from our faces. If we are not infected, we can't pass it on.

We'd like to suggest supporting local businesses — and one way to do that is by making it possible for staff to come back to work, safely.

If we decide to shop on Queen Street, our businesses will appreciate the support.

We're still being urged to stay home, and only go out if it's essential. At the same time, our non-essential businesses are allowed to open. It may be a good time to become familiar with those businesses, if we follow all the guidelines. And if we don't feel comfortable with that, we can look at how to support businesses in other ways, such as shopping online. These are the businesses that support us in better times, by contributing to our fundraisers, sponsoring our minor sports, helping out every time they are asked, and they could use our help.

And as we all work our way through this, we want to say thank you to readers who continue to share your stories, and to businesses for their ongoing support of the community.

We're all in this together, and we will come out of it together.

**Penny Coles**  
The Local

## LETTERS

### Paid parking raises questions

I've watched the content of our three local newspapers for the past three editions to see if there would be any reporting on the coming changes to public parking at the Niagara Parks Commission (NPC) park at the Brock Memorial at Queenston Heights. One paper did have an interview with a Niagara Parks staff member, but no indication or information about the implementation of paid parking and the installation of parking pay stations on all the parking lots at the park.

I've been using the park as an exercise location for me and my dog since last October. I usually go once a day in the late afternoon. Traffic in the park has been very light, consistently under 10 cars

in the lot during my visit at that time. The parking lots are not in good repair and there doesn't appear to be any drainage capability to get standing water off the pavement. In my opinion, these parking lots need serious attention now, particularly if we're going to be asked to pay for parking to use the facilities at Queenston Heights.

What's on and not on the signs accompanying the payment machines is bothersome. In addition to the NPC logo, the logo for a third party, "Precise Parking Link - Urban Mobility" is on the sign. I'm concerned that this could mean a very high percentage of parking revenues will not be available to NPC for rehabilitation of the park infrastructure, including the

parking lots themselves.

To date, I've seen no sign of monitoring cameras, so don't know how well my car is going to be "protected" in the future. And I don't see any indication of whether Town or NPC parking passes will be honoured once paid parking begins. Also, there is no indication whether the free parking offered by the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake to military veterans and people with disabled parking signs for their cars will be honoured at Queenston Heights upon the start of paid parking.

Full disclosure, I have veteran's licence plates on my car and my wife has a disabled individual parking sign.

**Kenn Moody**  
NOTL



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# Nature needs protection during virus pandemic



**Owen Bjorgan**  
Special to The Local

We must remain vigilant to ensure that nothing major happens to Niagara's important ecosystems while we are consumed with a new reality of living. The longer the recovery takes, the trickier it will be to engage stakeholders, host public meetings, and effectively communicate on an open playing field.

Yes, it's wonderful that we "have an app for that," for sharing information and talking, but nothing beats the candid and professional communication of being face to face and in groups they represent. That's our species.

Not only have we lost that type of communication, but

we've also lost the ability to regulate malicious happenings, and that applies to our natural landscapes, and how they are going to be treated in times to come.

Once eyes and authorities are limited in their staffing or oversight, it may allow for unsupervised occurrences to take place.

I think about the two rounds of damage to provincially significant wetlands in Niagara Falls at Thundering Waters Forest. I think about some of the "cut first, ask later" clearings we've experienced in NOTL over the past few years. It is going to be terrifyingly hard to regulate what kinds of decisions are being made about these lands. I fear the public is going to be a quieter, less organized and less influential voice when going through important processes.

I sincerely hope the appropriate guidelines are adhered to as we all quietly hunker down,

and no land owners or dream developers have their way with sensitive or protected lands.

I wonder if various nations and decision-makers will use COVID-19 as an economic excuse to ruthlessly open up the world's natural resources again, in a wave we haven't seen before. It might be seen as a calculated move to re-employ plenty of eager hands while stimulating the workforce.

Humans are so accomplished, but also so short-sighted! We are way too excited for growth and prosperity in a totally perverse way. How did we arrive here in this awkward COVID-19 pickle?

The western world was prepared to drive fancy cars and live in humongous homes, but not for a virus. We were prepared for the next best thing on Netflix and playoff sports, but our hospitals weren't pre-

pared for the surge of patients or dwindling medical supplies.

So what if we emerge out of COVID-19, opening up mines, forestry projects, and oilfields like we've never done before? And by "we," I'm referring to the world. Will that be our next naive approach at how we manage this world? Perhaps our society would celebrate the new jobs, the economic upswing, and the roaring return, but at what shortsighted expense of our natural heritage and its ecosystem services?

My fear is that we are just setting ourselves up for the next

big thing we're inadequately prepared for: climate change.

COVID-19 isn't going anywhere anytime soon, so let's take its big picture lessons. It is cleaning the rust out of our tubes, showing us where the leaks are, and silently but violently causing us to reconsider how we rebuild. Ultimately, we must re-route to remain, and sometimes a teacher is required.

I had a teacher once in grade school who took my unruly, class-clown antics and shut them down before they ran amok later in life. Being boister-

ous and reckless in grade school paradise was actually starting to hurt me. The teacher, who came into my life unexpectedly, re-directed my energy into sports and academia. He showed me where the cracks and leaks were, and how to rebuild for a more positive and secure future. Mr. C, if you're reading this, thanks for giving me lots to think about.

Day by day, we continue to watch our natural world and natural state of mind change. It is important to protect what is especially dear and near. Well, at least as near as we can.

## LETTERS

### Praise for workers

It's very encouraging to read about how grateful and thankful people are towards our essential workers.

I read about doctors, nurses, paramedics, PSWs, pharmacists, etc., and the list goes on and on. Yes, they are well deserving of all the accolades, they are our frontline responders.

But one area of workers

that has been overlooked and I am sure have probably been the recipients of much verbal abuse are our delivery truck drivers, UPS, FedEx, Purolator, Canada Post, etc., for late deliveries. Obviously more and more people are ordering online since this pandemic. For many the workload has doubled and they cannot keep up. The drivers have been taxed beyond

their ability to cope. Packages are getting heavier and almost impossible for one man to carry. Eventually the pressure on the drivers will also break, so let us be patient and understanding while we wait comfortably in our homes, while the drivers are rushing to deliver as best they can.

**Kathy Neufeld**  
NOTL

### People require education

So here we are after weeks of self-isolation, reading books, doing internet research and watching a plethora of episodes and movies while trying not to watch too much news. Just to make sure we don't completely seize up by sitting down glued to the TV, we make it a point to go out and work the gardens, weather permitting.

On Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day), near dusk, we went out to look at the gardens and were greeted by a load of garbage strewn across Lakeshore Road for about 200 feet. Upon closer inspection, it included empty cans of Friskies cat food, chickpeas, coconut milk and a meat container. But that was only the beginning of the garbage trail . . . the rest of it was toilet paper, some with feces on it. This is the first time we have encountered this kind of blatant disregard for public littering bylaws and just basic civility. As a concerned and law-abiding citizen, the next morning, rake and gloves in hand, I proceeded

to clean up the mess. That same day, my wife observed a fellow stop his car in the middle of the cemetery driveway to urinate behind a tree.

This weekend the peach trees were in full bloom. As in previous years, many visitors stop to take pictures. However, we are amazed year after year as to the number of people who have no regard for trespassing on private property and parking anywhere and everywhere. Saturday there were about 20 to 30 cars parked at our neighbour's winery where their service entrance is located, and cars parked across the street on Lakeshore Road. The people in the cars parked in the service area of the closed winery, were strolling through the orchards on both sides of Lakeshore Road, as well as behind our property. One fellow decided to urinate near a peach tree and another left a dirty diaper in the parking lot.

Across the street in the peach orchards are signs posted, saying "Private Property,

No Trespassing." People pay no attention and walk through as if it were a public park. At one point, I saw a young lady break off a large branch of a peach tree. I yelled out to her and she and her friends ran in to their white SUV . . . peach branch in hand. This was not the first time nor the first year I observed this. Our farmers work hard to bring fresh fruit to the markets. Do you realize that if every visitor broke off a branch here and there that you are taking profits away from them?

So, we leave this little gem with the elected officials both at the municipal and regional levels of government to come up with a solution for the next lockdown. Is there a way to educate the public as to what "private" and "public" property is? We can't fathom going to someone else's neighbourhood and behaving the same way as what we have witnessed in the Prettiest Little Town in Canada.

**Shirley and Finn Madsen**  
NOTL



These seldom seen views and angles from the canoe prompted thoughts about how nature will be treated during COVID-19. (Owen Bjorgan)



## Looking Up With Bill

**Bill Auchterlonie**  
Special to The Local

*Looking Up With Bill continues to downsize, with the full article on the notllocal.com.*

Friday, May 22: It's a powerhouse end to the week, with the new Moon in Gemini at 1:30 p.m. In addition, Mercury conjuncts Venus and the Sun

trines Saturn — 120 degrees of separation, the strongest and most helpful aspect in astrology — making for the start of a four-week period where several fresh starts are moving along, making life more clever, more beautiful, and more secure. Wow! Let's get part two of 2020 up and flying like a bird. It was May 22, 1992

that Johnny Carson made his final appearance as host of *The Tonight Show*. He started his career as a magician doing card tricks for his family and friends.

*The entire Looking Up With Bill is also on The NOTL Local Facebook page and also on my Podcast: [www.lookingupwithbill.com](http://www.lookingupwithbill.com).*

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# Performing Arts Centre presents online concerts

**Mike Balsom  
Special to The Local**

Self-isolation guidelines have brought opportunities for many of us to experience our favourite musicians and comedians in intimate performances from their own homes.

From the performers' perspective, livestreaming online has provided a chance to bring their art to new audiences, many of whom may have been less likely to visit a live venue under normal circumstances. But the majority of these performances bring little or no income to musicians struggling

under COVID-19 restrictions. Enter the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre. Inspired by the National Arts Centre's Canada Performs series, the PAC launched Niagara Performs free online concerts and events in mid-April. Colleen Smith, the new executive director of the centre, confirms all artists who take part in this series are indeed earning income. "That's a priority for any performing arts centre right now, to ensure that artists are able to make a living as best as possible," she says. "And secondary to that is to continue that connection to the people

in the community that love them so much." Local comedian David Green, whose Garden City Comedy Festival takes to the Niagara Performs platform this Thursday, May 21, says "it's very nice to get paid for performing this week." Like many entertainers during this pandemic, Green has been missing the chance to perform in front of an appreciative crowd. "I'm usually out there live five to six nights a week," he says, "And it's been hard not to be able to perform in front of people, and to feel the rush I get from the live audience."

But the funnyman adds that physical distancing guidelines have forced him to learn new skills. Since mid-March, he's focused on streaming, creating YouTube videos, and reaching a whole new audience via the relatively new Tik Tok platform. "That part of it has actually been great," Green claims. "I have been adapting, and learning new skills that I am sure will continue to be useful for my comedy moving into post-COVID times." Green will be hosting Thursday's Garden City Comedy Festival, and performing a pun-heavy set of his own. He will be joined by Fiona O'Brien, whose material often draws on her experience as an Irish woman who emigrated to Canada in 2012. Also on

the bill will be Thomas Calnan, winner of the Next Top Comic award at the 2016 Windsor Comedy Festival. The Sunday afternoon Niagara Performs time slot this week goes to the indefatigable St. Catharines singer/songwriter/producer/actor Joe Lapinski. Between recording, releasing and performing his own original music, Lapinski also finds the time to produce other musicians at his WOW! recording studio. As well, he continues to be an associate member of Suitcase in Point Theatre Company and acts as Music Director for the In the Soil Arts Festival. He also teaches part time at Niagara College.

Name a local band or musician and chances are Joe Lapinski has either performed with or produced them. A visit to his studio's website reveals a list of about 70 projects with which he has been involved as a musician, producer, engineer, mixer or masterer. Lapinski says PAC programmers Sara Palmieri and Annie Wilson contacted him with the offer to perform this week. "I think they reached out to a lot of folks who have done the Hear Here concert series with (pianist) Mark Lalama and his crew," he says. While he welcomes the current situation as a chance for him to spend some valuable time at home with his wife and two-and-a-half year old daughter,



Local comedian David Green performs online for PAC concert series this Thursday, May 21. (Photo supplied)

ter, his eyes have been opened to how important the arts are to a community. "I really miss playing with other musicians," he laments. "I miss an audience that I can talk and interact with. I might have taken all that for granted before all this happened. Now I have a different attitude about how important it is, and what role arts and culture plays in the community in bringing people together." With two solo albums currently in the works, Lapinski has been using the extra time in his studio to put some finishing touches on the tracks. He's looking forward to his Sunday session, live from that studio, as a chance for him to debut songs from both, including those from an upcoming concert al-

bum he says is inspired by the city of St. Catharines. "I'll be playing some acoustic guitar, and some electric, I just have to get some of the tech ironed out in the meantime," Lapinski says. Both Lapinski and Green are appreciative of the chance to perform as part of the series, as it brings with it some of the PAC audience and a quality a few notches above the average Facebook Live event. The Garden City Comedy Festival, hosted by David Green, is live Thursday, May 21 at 7 p.m., while Joe Lapinski performs Sunday, May 24 at 4 p.m. Visit the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre's Facebook page to tune in to the Niagara Performs series.



Musician Joe Lapinski will be featured online Sunday afternoon. (Adam CK Vollick)

# Rezza brothers release single as tribute

## Rapper Fred the Godson taken by COVID-19

**Mike Balsom  
Special to The Local**

The COVID-19 crisis has hit a little too close to home for Adrian and Lucas Rezza, Niagara-on-the-Lake hip hop producers and artists. This Friday, the duo known as 80 Empire releases a new single. Entitled *Fit In*, the track is a collaboration with Brooklyn's Fred the Godson, Detroit native Lazarus, Italian rapper Max Il Nano and former Dr. Dre associate Bishop Lamont, from Carson, California. It also features longtime NOTL resident Catherine Marie Leniarsky performing the underlying vocal hook. *Fit In* itself is not about the coronavirus, but eerily uncanny circumstances have unmistakably tied the song to the pandemic. The brothers recorded the contribution from Frederick Thomas, the rapper known as Fred the Godson, last year, and then sat on the track for quite some time. Lucas recalls touching base with Fred just after the pandemic hit. "We had plans to work on some more music with him. He and I were laughing a bit about quarantine life. Like Adri-

an and me, he has two kids. I asked him about New York, and he told me how crazy it was there." A couple of days passed, and Lucas reached out again. "Fred said, 'I'm just dealing with some stuff, but I'm ready to go into the studio next week,'" says Lucas. "And then that Monday, I see him on Instagram with an oxygen mask on his face saying 'I got hit with this COVID s\*\*t, please keep me in y'all prayers.'" Fred the Godson lost his battle with the virus on April 23, at 35 years of age. Tributes to the rising star from some of the biggest names in hip hop quickly filled social media. The brothers are releasing the song this week, partly as a tribute to their friend and collaborator, and partly as a fundraiser for his wife LeeAnn Jemmott and their two children, both under 10 years old. Lucas points out how eerie Fred's verse is when looking back after his death. "There's some lines in there, like 'I thank the Lord I'm here now,' and 'they applaud I'm bowing out,' it kind of foreshadows what was to happen." The brothers contacted Fred's management earlier this month to ensure that his camp

would be okay with *Fit In* being released this week. They also wanted to offer all proceeds from the song to the late rapper's family. Fred's death in itself would be enough to tie the song to the pandemic. But other links make it even more poignant. The rapper from Detroit, Kamran Rashid Khan, known as Lazarus, also happens to be a physician. An associate of rapper Eminem and his D12 crew, Khan is currently working at a hospital in Las Vegas, where he has been enlisted for the fight against the virus. Though he began working on his contribution before the pandemic, his verse on *Fit In* reflects that struggle: "Now I'm on the front lines fighting what could make you die, Hearing families' aches and cries, Reusing the same supplies, Risking my own self but I took an oath to saving lives, As the world is shut down and everybody stay inside." "Laz was able to finish his verse, and it morphed into him talking about being a doctor on the front lines. He is one of the most relevant rappers right now," says Adrian. Recent interviews that Khan has done, focusing on the balance between being a rapper and a doctor, would bear that out. In addition, as Adrian



Lucas and Adrian Rezza in their Garrison Village music studio. (Mike Balsom)

points out, Italy is one of the countries that has been hardest hit by the pandemic. Max Il Nano, a member of the Italian hip hop crew Bari Jungle Brothers, with whom 80 Empire have collaborated in the past, delivers his verse in his native Bari Italian dialect. Tying it all together is the ethereal vocal hook from Catherine Marie Leniarsky. Adrian describes how they connected with her. "We were working with another artist, Beatrice Love, who has a gritty voice,"

he explains. "She needed someone with a more angelic sound, and I was on Instagram, and I stumbled on a video of her singing. I thought she looked familiar, and I remembered seeing her at The Pie Plate." They contacted her, and brought her in for that project. She ended up being perfect for the *Fit In* hook, and even earned a songwriting credit for her contribution. With her voice multi-tracked and treated with just enough reverb to enhance the spiritual quality of

her sound, it's a perfect foil to the grittiness of the other four contributors. The brothers, whose most recent single, *Cosa Nostra*, a tribute to their Italian family and roots, recently passed over a million streams on Soundcloud, promise that a video will be put together soon. *Fit In* hits Apple Music, iTunes, Deezer, Soundcloud, Spotify and all other digital platforms this Friday, May 22. All proceeds from the song will go to Fred the Godson's family.

# Local woman runs Cleveland Marathon — along the parkway

## Penny Coles The Local

Petra Halbgebauer was a little sore Monday morning, looking forward to some stretching, yoga, and time in the hot tub, but she was still on a high from completing one of her long-time dreams.

On Sunday, she ran a marathon. Her first, and probably her last.

Although she started at her Garrison Village home and ran 26.2 miles (42.195 kilometres) along the Niagara River Recreation Trail, past the Queenston Lewiston Bridge to the Niagara Gorge parking lot, and back home, she was participating in the virtual Cleveland Marathon, for which she had trained, and was scheduled to take place Sunday.

It wasn't what she had imagined when she signed up for the event, but in return for missing out on that experience due to COVID-19, she

was cheered on by many friends and family, and had someone alongside her — two metres away, of course — for the entire four hours and forty-seven minutes. One friend had even made posters of Cleveland landmarks for her to see as she passed by. It was an enormous boost from a mental perspective, she says, allowing her to chat throughout the run.

With water stations every two miles, organized by her husband Cort Day, and manned by a group of friends, she says she mentally broke the run into segments between stations, with a mantra of “just two more miles” to keep her going.

“Physically, it wasn't that hard. My body held up quite well,” she says — pretty good for a first marathon just months from her 50th birthday.

She began running with a friend in 2008, and decided she wanted to do a marathon for her 50th,

and with that accomplishment behind her, she says she doesn't think she'll do it again.

Training, she says, “becomes pretty much all-consuming.”

Trying to fit it in around life, family and work can be difficult, and now she's done it, she doesn't feel she will need to do it again.

She used an app to record her run, supplied by the Cleveland Marathon, which shows she officially completed the virtual event, with her very own finish line, which she crossed in tears at the sight of a team of supporters waiting for her.

She had been visualizing the finish line, she says, and was surprised, and overcome with emotion, to see so many of her friends so excited to see her realize her dream.

“It was great to feel the love and support, with everybody doing their physical distancing. It was very overwhelming!”



Friend Kristy Strawbridge Rooney runs with Petra Halbgebauer along the Niagara Parkway Recreation Trail as she completes a marathon Sunday. (Photo supplied)



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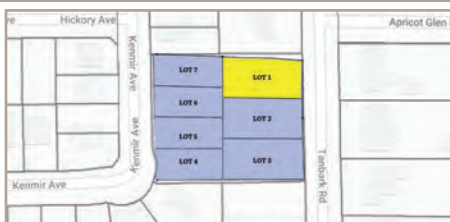
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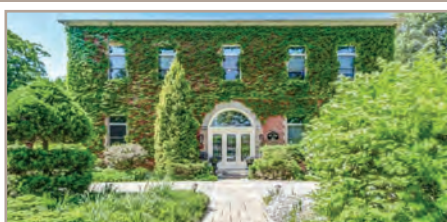
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# Mask trees raise \$12,000 for food and shelter

**Penny Coles**  
**The Local**

Mori Gardens is offering a special tree just for COVID-19 — a tree of masks, for those who want one as they are entering the garden centre, or who just want to stop by to pick one up.

It's one of the mask trees created by a local group launched in March, and organized by Fran Boot, Julia Buxton-Cox and Lorna Penman.

With a group of volunteers, they have designed, sewed and distributed more than 4,500 masks, originally making them for frontline workers, and also delivering 150 masks to migrant workers when they go into town.

They have since turned their attention to the growing need in the community, as more and more residents decide to wear masks in public.

In preparation for the long

weekend, they took one to Mori Gardens to place beside its front door for customers entering the garden centre, and another four remain scattered around town. About 1,200 have already been sold through the tree project, with 23 volunteers still working at keeping them stocked.

"I'm wearing a mask when I go out in public," says Buxton-Cox, "because I know I could be asymptomatic, and infecting others. I do it to protect

other people."

The messaging has changed since the beginning of the pandemic, but now masks are clearly recommended not to protect ourselves, but to reduce the risk of spreading the virus, says Buxton-Cox.

"We should be wearing a mask as an act of kindness to others in the community."

To her, it seems selfish not to — there are situations where someone passes you in a store

going the wrong way, and you can't always keep the recommended two-metre distance.

"Or what if you sneeze or cough at the cash register. Even if the cashier is behind plexiglass, there is a small opening."

Wearing a mask, she says, "is the right thing to do. You may be uncomfortable for a short time, but how uncomfortable do you think someone's going to be on a ventilator?"

Wearing a mask is a "mild discomfort," she adds, that we can put up with for the sake of the community, "especially in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Nothing in this lockdown has been easy, so why take the easy road now?"

The science says wearing a mask can stop the spread of the virus, she adds, "and the faster we do that, the faster we get back to normal."

The group is asking for a donation of \$10 to \$20 to go to Niagara homeless shelters and to the Community Care food bank, and has raised \$12,000. But the news got even better when the volunteers learned about United Way Niagara's COVID-19 emergency response fund, with a \$100,000 matching gift from the Humeniuk Foundation. The United Way is distributing food and other supplies to agencies helping those in need in the community.

The local mask project is donating \$3,000 to the Southridge

Shelter in St. Catharines, which provides essential services such as food and shelter to people in need; \$2,000 to The Raft in St. Catharines, which helps youth throughout the Niagara Region with shelter, support services and programs; and \$2,000 Night Light Youth Services, a Niagara Falls shelter for homeless youth. It is also giving \$5,000 to Community Care in St. Catharines, which is experiencing an increased demand for food during the pandemic.

And the Humeniuk Foundation will match that with a \$12,000 donation, says Buxton-Cox.

To those who have purchased masks, volunteer Fran Boot says "thank you so much for being a part of giving back to your community. With the support of your time and talents we hope to continue our mask distribution program, which has been a success in so many ways."

Through the four programs they are supporting, the mask project is helping those who are suffering the most, says Boot.

The mask tree at Mori's, she says, gives the project even greater exposure to the community.

In addition to Mori Gardens, there are mask trees at 2252 Four Mile Creek Rd., 387 Simcoe St., 607 Simcoe St., and 43 Colonel Butler Dr.



Volunteer Lorna Penman, Tonie Mori of Mori Gardens and Mandy Cavasin of the United Way celebrate the mask tree at the Virgil garden centre. The mask project has already raised \$12,000, which was presented to Cavasin, to provide food and shelter for those in need in Niagara. (Photo supplied)



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# Masks made from wine icon's stylish shirts

**Penny Coles**  
The Local

Kathy Dyck doesn't consider herself much of a sewer.

But she spends a part of most days of self-isolation making masks, knowing there is a need for them she can fill.

She knows she's not the only one making masks, and others can sew faster and produce larger volumes. But when she heard about a need for masks from her daughter Julie, who recently opened Niagara Stone Road Pharmacy, she decided she could use some fabric she had on hand to help out a few people who were looking for them, including some local personal support workers and a farmer looking for washable

masks for his workers.

After making about 100 masks, she told Julie she thought she was finished with that project — until Donald Ziraldo, one of Canada's most important figures in the Canadian wine industry, and also one of the best-dressed, talked to Julie about a mask-making project called Shirt Off Your Back. It was launched by King & Bay, a Toronto custom clothing store where Ziraldo has had some of his signature stylish shirts made.

The clothing store organized volunteers to sew masks from some of their shirting material on-hand, and challenged others to do the same. With that in mind, and knowing Kathy was making masks, Ziraldo donated about 100 dress shirts to be recycled into masks.

That donation gave Kathy "new life" to continue her sewing, says Julie. "This was the motivation she needed."

Each shirt can make about eight masks. Ziraldo's shirts tend to be plain colours with flashy collars and cuffs, and Kathy says she's having fun designing masks so that the colourful bits dress up the plain fabrics. It takes a little longer, but makes it more interesting, she says.

Julie, who donates the masks to her pharmacy customers, says her mother misses out on the priceless reaction of the recipients when they see the masks — they are delighted with the fabrics.

"The shirts have been inspirational to me," says Kathy, who likes planning how she will use the collars and cuffs.

"We don't especially like to wear masks, but I like to think of them as brightening the day, and making it a little easier to fulfill the obligation we feel to wear them."

Ziraldo is a distinguished gentleman, she says, who as well as being a very successful businessman in the wine industry, also wants to give back to his community, and is doing so by providing the material for masks.

And although her method is not as quick or efficient, Kathy likes the idea that she is recycling Ziraldo's shirts into something useful, based on the pattern provided by a local group of volunteer mask-makers. "It's fun, and it's what keeps me doing it," she says. "I also feel it's honouring him."

At the moment, she's run out



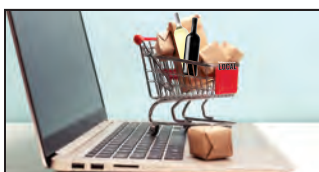
Kathy Dyck uses men's shirts to make masks, including shirts donated by wine industry pioneer Donald Ziraldo. (Photo supplied)

of elastic, but is hoping to receive some soon.

The mask movement, including local volunteers such as Fran Boot and Julia Buxton-Cox, says Kathy, "is organic. People needed them, and volunteers stepped up to help."

And the need doesn't seem to

be going away any time soon, she adds — with healthcare workers requiring the surgical and N95 masks that have been in short supply, hand-crafted fabric masks will continue to fill a need for those who want to do their part to reduce virus spread in the community.



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# Yellow Door to offer virtual theatre, dance classes

**Penny Coles**  
**The Local**

Artistic director Andorlie Hillstrom says it was devastating to close the Yellow Door Theatre Project, cancelling classes that mean so much to her students.

Since then, she's offered private musical theatre and dance classes on Zoom, and they've been very successful, she says.

Beginning June 2, Yellow Door Theatre Project will offer four consecutive virtual group classes, from June 2 to 25, in musical theatre and dance, giving students an opportunity to connect with old friends and meet new friends.

"Our kids are starved for getting back to their lives before COVID. And we believe it's going to take a long time to get back to what we consider normal," says Hillstrom. Her students have been missing their classes, teachers, and most of all, their friends, and "although they're not the same as being side by side in the studio space, virtual classes will provide a return to some normality."

It will give students a chance to get dressed in their work-out clothes, find a spot in their home and get moving, she says. "It's not a perfect solution as being in the same space as their instructors, but

it can give them a sense of accomplishment while having fun."

The theatre school is considered non-essential, and by nature involves activities with kids that include physical integration, so Zoom classes will be very different, "but our instructors are ready to give it a go," says Hillstrom. "We are trying to be creative about how to pursue the idea of virtual classes and see if students are interested."

Moving forward, she says, when the theatre school is able to reopen, it could be with a permanent hybrid of virtual classes combined with small classes, "in what we consider a safe environment."

The Zoom classes will explore singing, dancing and acting to excerpts from age-appropriate musicals, says Hillstrom. "Our professional and experienced instructors will support the participants through the creative process and develop their confidence and connection to one another."

It will give them a 30-minute social experience, which they are so badly missing out on.

"We've been working on virtual materials, getting kids together a few at a time, and they're so thrilled to see each other's faces. They're missing out on so much — their

graduation, their prom, their school musicals and the social interaction that's so important to them. Theatre kids love each other so much, they love being together in the same space, and removing that from them has been so hard. These are some of the things I've been worrying about. It's important to get them together safely."

Yellow Door student Shakeela Vahdat, 12 years old and in Grade 7, has had some first-hand experience with Zoom. After two auditions, she was chosen to play one of the children in *Gypsy*, which was part of the Shaw Festival 2020 season.

Once the theatre had to close, she joined other actors in Zoom rehearsals. "I was very sad we had to stop," she says, but she is hoping it will be produced as part of next season.

"I'm happy I got the chance to rehearse with the fellow actors, even if it was virtual. And I'm looking forward to taking some lessons (with Yellow Door) online."

She loved Yellow Door classes, she says. "Everyone is so inclusive, not judgmental at all. I learned a lot at Yellow Door. And the time I was at the Shaw was a great experience. That was so amazing."

There will also be an adult tap class offered for ages 18



Shakeela Vahdat (centre), who was chosen to play one of the kids' parts in the Shaw Festival's *Gypsy*, performed in Bremen Rock City, last fall's Yellow Door Theatre Project. (Sarah Jamal Photography)

and up, a fun class for people who always wanted to try tap — and now they can try it in the comfort of their own homes.

The virtual classes are "a start to see if we can connect with folks," she says, after dealing with the possibility of having to empty out the studio and close its doors for good, not knowing whether there would be a future for it.

Fortunately, thanks to landlord Lloyd Redekop, that didn't happen.

"He's been great. We wouldn't have been able to continue without his support and cooperation," she says.

Online registration began May 15. Contact Hillstrom at andorlie.hillstrom@gmail.com for further details. Registration and info are also available at [www.yellowdoorthatre.com](http://www.yellowdoorthatre.com).

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## Club open to members only for first two weeks

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and for the next two weeks, the club will limit tee times to members only, to ensure they will all have access to the course.

The auction received attention from other clubs around the province, as well as a golf magazine, Simkin says, with other clubs deciding to follow the example set in NOTL.

“It was a great result, making it easier for us and having a bit of fun with it, and also being able to do some good in the community,” says Simkin.

Wiens and Simkin were there to welcome the golf-

ers, and with other staff, to ensure physical distancing and other safety precautions they had prepared for were in place.

Limiting golfing to members only also makes it easier to ensure protocols are followed, says Simkin — members have been made aware of the rules and will be respectful while on the course.

Tee times must be pre-booked, and are 12 minutes apart, rather than the usual 10 minutes, with signs and directional markings to ensure safety for all. The first day saw about 180 golfers on the course, whereas a normal day at this time of year would be closer to about 220 to 230,

says Simkin. There are no ball washers available, and the flag remains in the hole, with the ball sitting up high enough to be retrieved without touching the cup.

The golf club dining room and patio remain closed, but the kitchen opened for take-out to members. The pro shop is also still closed.

Leading up to Saturday, Huizer had been spending some time in his backyard each day for several weeks, practising his swing and chipping balls to get in shape for the season. He was feeling good about his progress, but joked that golfers tend to be an optimistic bunch.

Cruikshank, who took the



Club pro Billy Simkin, and staff members Cedric Kidd and Ricky Watson, were on hand Saturday to ensure golfers kept their two metres apart, and followed other safety guidelines. (Penny Coles)

first swing of the season, had been out the day before chipping balls, to be ready to go as well. “The course looks beautiful, and the guys are all really well-organized. I’ve been com-

ing to walk the course and it’s been making my mouth water, wanting to get out.”

After their game, Huizer said, “Martha and I had a great time, and did make

some pars, besides some good shots. It was fun and an honour to get to tee off first. Newark Neighbours and the food bank were the real winners today.”

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# Pickleball permitted, but club isn't ready to open

**Penny Coles**  
The Local

Pickleball courts were allowed to open Tuesday, but John Hindle, president of the Niagara-on-the-Lake club, wasn't sure the outdoor Virgil courts would be ready.

The provincial announcement came Thursday that tennis and pickleball could resume, but the Town has indicated the courts might not all be ready by Tuesday, and is proceeding with caution.

"Our first priority is to protect the health and safety of our community," Lord Mayor Betty Disero said Tuesday. "We want to ensure that there is a plan in place to provide a safe space for people to play. They will open as quickly as we can get them to that point."

And while some club members are anxious to get out and get some exercise, Hindle isn't ready to begin club activities.

In February, he asked council to designate the Virgil courts for community use, with controlled access through two gates with an entry code. While he wants the public to continue using the courts, the surface is being damaged from people using them for other activities, such as soccer, road hockey, skateboarding, and rollerblading, damaging the surface and the nets.

He told The Local he doesn't believe the damage is malicious, but rather "kids just being kids. They don't do damage deliberately."

Pickleball has become a fast-growing sport, both in-



NOTL Pickleball Club vice-president Vince Serratore and president John Hindle aren't ready to resume club activities until they feel they can keep members safe. The entrance to the Virgil sports park was closed Saturday, but according to the Province, courts could be open on Tuesday. (Penny Coles)

doors and out, and the Virgil courts have caused "quite a stir in the region," Hindle says, allowing pickleball to become a year-round sport locally.

At the May 11 committee-of-the-whole phone-in meeting, he got his answer, with councillors recommending the changing of the name, and the addition of the gates. There will also be signs with instructions on how to access the courts, with the work expected to be finished this spring.

Town staff will continue to be responsible for all repairs and maintenance of the courts, and will consult

on any major capital investments from the NOTL Pickleball Club.

The club is happy to take on the responsibility for looking after the phone number and changing the gate access code regularly, Hindle says.

The cost will be about \$3,500, funded through the parks and recreations budget, with a donation of \$1,500 from the club. The decision must be ratified at Monday's council meeting.

But as anxious as players are to get back on the courts, says Hindle, the decision has been made to wait until the gates are installed before beginning club activities.

Until then, when they can control access to the courts, will know who is on them, can limit the number of players and ensure rules about disinfecting the equipment are followed, he says, he doesn't feel comfortable having the club assume responsibility for its members, especially when most are seniors and are at greater risk. They can choose to play, but it is their decision and their responsibility to follow the guidelines of physical distancing.

Playing outdoors will make physical distancing possible, especially if they concentrate on playing sin-

gles rather than doubles, says Hindle. The biggest issue to ensuring safety is avoiding picking up balls on the court, with players instead using their rackets or kicking them off the court with their feet. Players will likely initial them, and take them home to be sterilized, along with their paddles, he says.

The added bonus, which was not anticipated when the request was made in February, is that the phone calls for the access code will create a record of attendance on the court that can be tracked, which could prove useful during the pandemic if there are further outbreaks once

the courts reopen.

"It makes absolute sense at this time. We're not going to be a police force, but if we take attendance, it gives us some control and a record of who is using the court," says Hindle.

"Pickleball is a very social sport. And as a group, members are also very socially responsible. When we reopen, if we ask members to keep to certain guidelines, such as physical distancing, to be safe, they will do that."

Once the courts are open, the club plans to move forward with installing wind screens and a shaded area, at their own cost, says Hindle.

# Soccer will offer activities, but not full season

**Mike Balsom**  
Special to The Local

There will be some form of organized soccer in Niagara-on-the-Lake this summer, promises NOTL Soccer Club president Ted VandeKaay. What form the sport takes, though, depends on a few factors.

Last Friday, the board of directors of the club announced they had made the difficult decision to cancel plans for "soccer as usual" for 2020.

In an email to all members in the club's database, the board explained that, with all town facilities closed until at least the end of June, and with no idea as to when current physical distancing rules will be lifted, the responsible decision was to cancel the season and make alternate plans.

This weekend would have been the kick-off festival for house league soccer, after moving the start from the Victoria Day weekend and the Virgil Stampede last year.

With the parks closed until at least July 1, and soccer usually ending the last Saturday in August, that would have left only seven weeks for house league play.

In addition, on May 11, the Ontario Soccer Association, an organization to which NOTL Soccer belongs, announced all sanctioned in-person soccer events and activities for the month of June were cancelled or postponed.

The board had previously made the difficult decision to postpone its equipment order this year. With uncertainty as to when restrictions would be lifted, it seemed to be the financially responsible thing to do. As well, with so many businesses feeling the financial pinch under the current situation, the board felt the timing was wrong to approach them for donations.

When Premier Doug Ford announced Ontario's Framework for Reopening our Province, it was clear sports at all levels would be the last item to get back to

some semblance of normal. And of course, adds VanderKaay, "we still have no idea what the 'new normal' will be."

VanderKaay says the club plans to wait for an announcement by the provincial government as to when and how kids can get back onto the fields. The email says, "assuming that this is allowed some time this summer, we are committed to bringing you a 'shortened' version of a soccer season. This will focus on skills, but culminate in some informal games between appropriate age groups."

In the meantime, the summer soccer camp for ages six to 14, scheduled for August 10 through 14, is still going ahead as planned. Registration is open online for the camp.

The club has begun issuing refunds for all those who have already registered for the 2020 soccer season.

Says VanderKaay, "we thank everyone for your understanding, and your on-



There will be some form of organized soccer for kids this summer, but it won't be soccer as usual. (Photo supplied)

going support of soccer in NOTL. We trust that you are in this with us, as we make this difficult decision in an

effort to protect our children as well as those deemed most vulnerable to COVID-19."

He urges residents to

continue to monitor the club's website, notlsoccer.ca, for new information in the coming weeks.

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