

LATCHAM NEWS

Autumn is a season followed immediately by looking forward to spring. - Doug Larson

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Don't you think Lucy's facial expressions explains how our year has been?



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President's Message

We have survived another month of Covid restrictions and because we're paying attention to the directions we were given by the Health Department, Scugog is positioned well.

March of 2020 the Latcham Centre was shutdown and in the seniors club office were hundreds of hand made teddies, knitted with love by members of PPSC. The teddies were to be donated to Doctors without Borders, Natives of the North and other Scugog organizations. All of this fell apart due to Covid. I'm pleased to let you know that we'll be sending our teddies, most of them, to Natives of the North. Our partner in this project, the Port



PPSC's Bursary Winner for 2020

Katie Brown is pursuing a career in HVAC. She plans to attend HiMark in Oshawa, which is a private career college, in February to take her Gas Technician 3 & 2 Co-op. The course includes a 19 week program where students will take part in both theoretical and practical studies by alternating one week in class with one week in the field at a local co-op placement company. A Gas Technician 3 (G3) license will enable the apprentice to work under supervision on any natural gas or propane fired equipment. Upgrading to a Gas Technician 2 (G2) license will enable the apprentice to install, inspect, alter, purge, activate, repair, service or remove a natural gas or propane appliance that has an input of 400,000 BTUs or less, without supervision, in residential and commercial applications. Examples: Furnaces, Fireplaces, Water Heaters.

Perry Probus Club is doing the same. I have emailed GMoms of Port Perry and the Salvation Army and asked if they could use teddies for their organizations but haven't received a reply as yet. Vice President Carole, Treasurer Ann and I packed 342 Teddies and Izzy dolls ready for shipment. *Thank you* knitters and crocheters, on behalf of children who will be getting the teddies. Another successful project by our members! Stay strong, stay healthy. If you need help of any kind to get through Covid - email or phone and we'll do our best to assist you.

Pres. Rita.

Waterfront Action Committee

In the spring of 2020, the Township released 3 options for the waterfront and a survey to gather public input on the various elements proposed in each of the options. The Township is now inviting residents to Workshop #3, where a presentation will be given providing an overview of the three options, the results of the evaluation of those options and the components being proposed in an emerging preferred plan.

The third virtual Workshop as part of the Waterfront Action Plan to be held on November 24, 2020. There will be 3 sessions held virtually at 1:00-2:30 pm, 3:30-5:00 pm and 6:30-8:00 pm. Each session is open to 40 people in order to hear comments from those participating. To register for the workshop, please visit the project page: <https://my.scugog.ca/waterfront>

Update on our grant application:

Well, we've submitted it! The grants get approved or ignored in January-ish. We will let you know then if we've received a grant or not. We've applied for monies to provide Zoom presenters and activities for our members. Initially we will need to actually learn how to conduct wide scale Zoom meetings and Webinars, and have included funding for this in the grant application. Fingers crossed.

Operation Scugog Foodbank Like Page
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Please read and share our announcement below regarding this year's Christmas Campaign

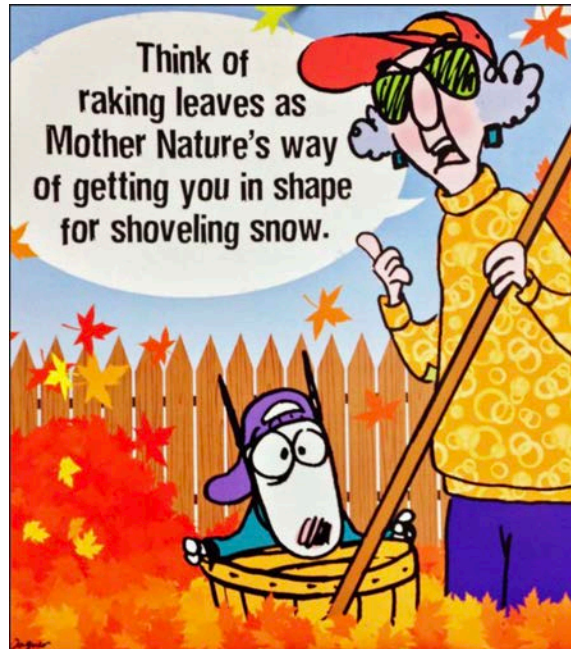
Christmas Campaign

In light of the current pandemic, Operation Scugog has developed a new plan to replace our traditional Christmas Campaign. In order to keep everyone safe, we will not be having toy/gift donation boxes around town, nor will we be collecting hoodies this year. We will also not be adopting out families. Along with food hampers, we will be giving each member of our families, as well as our singles and couples, gift cards to do their own Christmas shopping starting in early November.

If you would like to donate food, gift cards, or make a monetary donation, you can drop off at Operation Scugog (school portables beside the Victory Christian Centre) at 593 Alma Street on Tuesday October 20th, 27th, November 3rd and 10th from 2-4 pm. If you have any questions, please inquire at operationscugog@gmail.com or call us at (905) 985-3087 and leave a message.

We thank you for your understanding and continued support of Operation Scugog! Stay safe and have a wonderful holiday season!

Karen Teed
On behalf of the Operation Scugog Christmas Committee



Many of our members have found 'work arounds' to staying in shape and maintaining friendships. Here are some morning exercisers and a group of driveway line dancers. There's also a rumour about carvers working in a garage. That's it folks- keep it up!

Employment and Social Development Canada and Service Canada would like to share important information with seniors who receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement, Allowance or Allowance for the Survivor benefit.

During the week of October 5, 2020, Service Canada sent reminder letters and Statement of Income forms to clients in receipt of these benefits whose income information for 2019 had not been received.

These individuals received a 'reminder kit' requesting completion and submission of the Statement of Income form.

The reminder kit contains:

- ☐ a reminder letter;
- ☐ a Statement of Income form and instruction sheet; and,
- ☐ a self-addressed return envelope.

Each year in July, an individual's ongoing entitlement to benefits is reviewed based on the most recent income information. Because of the pandemic, individuals who could not be assessed due to a lack of income information continued to receive payments and were notified by letter in July 2020 that income information must be provided.

This special measure has ensured that clients who have not provided income information continue to receive their benefits uninterrupted; however this measure expires in December 2020.

Clients who have not yet submitted 2019 income information should do so as soon as possible. Clients who do not submit their income information will not receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement, Allowance or the Allowance for the Survivor in January 2021.

If community members or individuals within your network do not have access to the internet or face other barriers, the Service Canada Outreach Support Centre will ensure they get access to the critical benefits they need. Client can call the toll-free number **1- [877-355-2657](tel:877-355-2657)** TTY: **1-[833-719-2657](tel:833-719-2657)** from 8:30am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday.