

Coming Up

THIS WEEKEND

Thurs., Feb. 28 Soup Lunch Join us 11 am - 1 pm for homemade soup, bread, dessert and beverage - all for just \$3. Fun and friendship free. Goodwood United Church.

Thurs., Feb. 28, join the Early Learning staff at the Uxbridge Arena for a **morning of skating**, 10:30am to 11:30am, strollers with clean wheels are permitted on the ice, staff are available to assist with lacing on or off of skates.

Fri., Mar. 1, 11:00 AM, **World Day of Prayer**. Uxbridge Baptist Church hosts the event for all the churches of Uxbridge. Anne Woolger of Matthew House, Toronto will be our speaker. A soup lunch follows. Everyone is welcome. For information, call 905-852-3662.

Fri, Mar.1, 9:30AM, **Oak Ridges Trail Association Hike**: Walker Woods 8+km; Fast pace; 2+hrs. Hike or snowshoe. Hilly. No dogs please. Meet at parking area on east side of 6th Conc., 2 km south of Durham Rd 21, at Albright Rd. Joan Taylor at 905-477-2161.

Mar. 1 & 2 Quilt Marathon for Hearth Place Drop by for great prizes in our Chinese Auction, make a donation and add a few stitches to our Quilt. Quilter's Cupboard, 202 Brock St. E.

Sat, Mar. 2, 7:00AM, **Oak Ridges Trail Association Hike**: Al Shaw Side Trail 4+km; Moderate pace; 1+hrs. Hike or snowshoe. Meet

at the entrance on the west side of the 6th Conc. 1.5 km south of Durham Rd. 21. Joan Taylor at 905-477-2161.

Sat, Mar. 2 Musical Families Concert in support of the Uxbridge Music Scholarship Trust, 7:30 at St. Andrew's-Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Toronto Street Entrance. A wonderful mix of eclectic and entertaining music featuring the Anderson, Chester, Edgell, Foster and Smith families, with MC Ted Barris. Tickets at the door: Adults 15.00, Students 10.00, Children under 10 free.

Sat., Mar. 2 Julien Kelland EP Release Party 7:30 p.m., Uxbridge Music Hall.

Sun., Mar. 3 Music Fest now in our 21st year, 10-11 a.m. at Reachview Village, Uxbridge. We welcome everyone to come and participate - sing, dance, tell stories...the sky's the limit! For more information please contact Jo at 905-852-6487.

NEXT WEEK

Fri, Mar. 8, 9:30AM, **Oak Ridges Trail Association Hike**: Brock Tract 10+km; Fast pace; 2+hrs. Loop hike or snowshoe, some hills. Meet at parking area on the east side of Uxbridge 6th Concession, 0.6 km north of Uxbridge Pickering townline, or 5.5 km south of Durham Road 21. Russ Burton at 905-830-2862.

Sat, Mar. 9, 7:00AM, **Oak Ridges Trail Association Hike**: Al Shaw Side Trail 4+km; Moderate pace; 1+hrs. Loop hike or snowshoe.

Meet at the entrance on the west side of Uxbridge 6th concession, 1.5 km south of Durham Road 21. Join us for breakfast after the hike Russ Burton at 905-830-2862.

UPCOMING

Mon, Mar. 11, 9:30AM, **Oak Ridges Trail Association Hike**: Uxbridge Countryside Preserve. Slow to Moderate pace; 2hrs. Rolling meadow and forest trails. Well mannered dogs are encouraged to bring their owners. Meet at parking area behind Wal-Mart/Rona shopping complex in Uxbridge near Hwy 47 and 6th Conc. Brian & Wilma Millage at 905-853-2407.

Tues., Mar. 12 Uxbridge Networking Group Lunch 8:15am to 9:30am, Scrambles at the Foxbridge Golf Club. Guest Speaker: Rory Sheehan, Positive Strategies.

Wed, Mar. 13, 9:30AM, **Oak Ridges Trail Association Hike**: Clubine/Norton & Al Shaw 15+km; Fast pace; 4hrs. Hike or snowshoe. T&B. No dogs please. Meet at parking on the east side of the 6th Conc., 2 km south of Durham 21 at Albright Rd. Joan Taylor at 905-477-2161.

Wed., Mar. 13 2nd Annual DreamFeather March Break Volleyball Clinic Claremont C.C. 9-4. am Skills Session, noon OVA Player Demo Game, pm. Mini-Tournament. drills, competitions and prizes. Pre Registration a must, Contact Larry Griffiths 905.649.6309 or dream.feather@hotmail.com, limited enrollment... all ages and vb experience welcome.

Wed., Mar. 13 The Brook Never Sleeps

Experiential eco-workshop, ages 10 and up. Ux. Public Library, 9:30-3. Co-sponsored by Ux. Youth Centre and Watershed Advisory Committee. Door prizes and swag! Call to register 905-862-3456.

Sat, Mar. 16, 7:00AM, Oak Ridges Trail Association Hike: Al Shaw Side Trail 4+km; Moderate pace; 1+hrs. Hike or snowshoe. Meet at the entrance on the west side of the 6th Conc., 1.5 km south of Durham Rd. 21. Joan Taylor at 905-477-2161.

Sun, Mar. 17, 2:00PM, Oak Ridges Trail Association Hike: Al Shaw Side Trail. 4+km; Slow to Moderate pace; 2hrs. Loop hike. Families and well-mannered dogs welcome. Bring snacks and water. Dress for the weather. Meet at parking area on east side of the 6th Conc., 2 km south of Durham 21, at Albright Rd. Brian & Kathy Clark at 905-841-9757.

ONGOING

Registered program, **"Focus on Toddlers"** offered at the Uxridge Early Learning Centre, no fee, registration is required, call DFRFR at 905-862-3131 for more details.

Adult (18 and over) Pick up Basketball starting Feb 21, 2013 for ten weeks. Men and women welcome. We are playing at St Paul's Leaskdale church building Thursday from 7pm till 9pm... or we're tired. Contact jimhoneyford@hotmail.com

The **Uxbridge Ladies Slo-Pitch League** is welcoming new players for the 2013 season. For more information please visit our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/450264671708669/> or email us uxbridgeladieslopitch@gmail.com

Every Wednesday, 8:30 am to 11:30am, **Free Early Learning** programs are now available at Joseph Gould PS, call DFRFR 905-862-3131 for more details or see calendars on the website, durhamfamilyresources.org.

Loaves & Fishes Food Bank is open Wednesdays 1-4 p.m. for those requiring assistance. All donations are always appreciated. Current needs include: Instant Coffee, Tea, Ketchup, Peanut Butter, Tuna/Hamburger Helper, Canned Fruit, Toothpaste, Soap, Shampoo. Tax receipts are issued for Financial Donations. Donations may be dropped in the Food Bank Box at Zehrs or at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Monday to Friday 9 a.m.-noon.

Hospital Auxiliary "Chances Are" Store on Bascom Street accepting good winter and spring clothing. Proceeds to Cottage Hospital.

If you have a community event you'd like us to mention, please contact us at cosmosboycy@powergate.ca or 905-852-1900. The deadline for our next issue is 6 p.m. Sunday.

Tiger Talk



by Jenna Smith

Some might view it as fate that as I sat at home on Friday afternoon, wondering what I might write my article about this week, a story fell right into my lap. I was cruising through twitter, as my generation tends to do, when I saw a tweet that made my heart leap into my throat. It read quite plainly "EXTRACURRICULARS ARE BACK!" I wanted to jump up and yell to my mom, to my dad, to anyone who was remotely close to me. Could it really be true? Was the strike finally over, bringing with it the return of our beloved sports and clubs? I didn't want to get my, or anyone else's, hopes up by making a big deal. I decided I would do some research

Goodwood News with Bev Northeast

This has been a crazy winter with snow, ice, rain, balmy days and freezing temperatures so here is hoping the ground hog was right- an early Spring...

The skating at the north park has been fantastic and the kids are certainly having fun, and mom and dad appreciate not having to drive to Uxbridge. All thanks to the Lions Club...

Reminder the community garage sale and give away sale is May 4 with rain date May 11, so start collecting all of those treasures to sell or give away. Don't forget to hang a red balloon at the end of your street and at your home, so those who want your treasures can find you easily.

first. I stumbled across an article from *The Star* that stated "The go-ahead for high school teachers to resume extracurricular activities came from the union Friday afternoon". However, in fancy terms the Teacher's Union also stated that the voluntary activities were just that - voluntary. There was no guarantee that extra-curricular activities would be returned to the students of USS because it was up to each individual teacher as to whether or not they wanted to invest their own time on running a team or committee.

The news was conflicting and confusing. What did this really mean? Well, I sat there and thought about it for awhile until I finally drew a conclusion. Through all the

Goodwood Minor Ball Association is holding their baseball registration at the Lions Hall (north on Front Street) Feb 28 7:00-9:00 pm and Mar 2 10am -1pm. Spots fill up fast so don't miss the registration if your son or daughter want to play ball...

The United Church soup lunch is Feb 28 11:m -1pm. There is soup, homemade bread, dessert and beverage all for the low price of \$3.00...

The Gospel Hall Sunday service is at 11:00 am and all are welcome to attend...

The Baptist Church Kids Club for boys and girls grades 1-8 is Tuesdays at 6:45, & 7:00 pm Bible study and Prayer with regular Sunday service at 11:00 am...

In the Community Centre we have Zumba on Tues and Thurs. nights at 7:00 call 905-471-1650 and Yoga on

politics and whatever else was surrounding the job action from the Union, they were stating something students, teachers and parents already knew; that teachers offering up extra time to run activities for students WAS voluntary. It's how it always had been. If there was no supervisor willing to run a team, then that team didn't run. Many schools never had a curling team, a co-ed volleyball team or a junior boy's hockey team simply because there was no one there to run it. Fortunately for the kids of Uxbridge Secondary, we had all of those things plus some. That is where my unwavering faith of the faculty at our school kicks in. Though there were no heart warming announcements on Monday morning of when sports and clubs may begin again, it did not mean they weren't happening. After all, if we had the chance to allow kids to get involved again why would we

Sat. mornings at 9-10:15 am until March 23 so call 905-649-8596 and if you want to try new recipes call Joanne at 905-642-5689...

Also International Women's day is Mar 7 at 7:00 pm and our guest speaker is Native Canadian, and we also have Dianna Davis playing the crystal bowls and flute, and she will also bring drums for all to try their hand at drumming. Please call me and book your spot 905-640-3966...

Our Talent Night May 15 7:00 pm is booking up, so give me a call if you want to entertain us with your special talent, and remember this is not a competition and all talent is acceptable. Call to book your spot on stage 905-640-3966...

Thank you to those who obey the speed limit on our roads, and please don't forget to feed the birds.

pass it up? USS happens to pride themselves on getting involved! We preach it to the grade eights still in their elementary schools, to the grade nines entering the school on their first day, and to each student every day after. The end of the strike should be a dream come true for the students and staff of Uxbridge Secondary School.

Despite the uncertainty, there are some committees that have gotten the jump on the abrupt end of the job action. Leadership Committee, for example, is planning Leadership

Camp in full force and is running their annual Information Assembly this Friday. It is for all students who may be interested in coming to Camp Kandalore for four days at the beginning of May. This perhaps will set the bar for the rest of the school or provide an example that the rest of the teams and clubs will soon follow. In the end the students of USS are rejoicing at the news and are keeping their fingers crossed for the future!

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