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After many years of dreaming and planning, and several months of construction, the new Newcastle IGA store will soon be opening its doors. Barring any unforeseen set-backs, the store will be opening on Wednesday July 7th.

Congratulations to Tenzin Gyaltsan and his wife Jhampa-Yangkyi (and we can't forget their 8 month old daughter, Lhanzi) for a job well done. This grocery store will be a real boost to the local business sector and the community at large.

The store will boast over 25,000 square feet of fantastic produce, a full deli, on-site bakery and wide aisles. Those wider aisles will leave ample room for negotiating the new, larger buggies. The new store will still retain the friendly customer service that you are accustomed to at the old store. However, everything else is improved. There will be better variety, selection, conveniences and packaging, including family-sized products. It will have all the bells and whistles. The outside will look hand-

some with design elements similar to the Town Hall and over 120 parking spaces too!

An innovative feature will be what Tenzin Gyaltsan describes as the "quick meal solution." People are busy. They don't always have time to prepare a meal from scratch. They don't always want to be at a restaurant either. This is a compromise. These quick, take home meals will include hot meals like gourmet pizza and lasagna, plus pre-made salads like potato, greek and bean salads. Come in and see for yourself.

You may be wondering what will happen to the old location of the IGA. You will be happy to know that it is 99.9% confirmed that a new hardware store will be opening up hopefully this September.

The Newcastle and District Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate the Gyaltsan family for a job well done. This community will be a better place to live and work thanks to this state-of-the-art facility.

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President's Message

Thank you for reading the latest copy of "About the Town". This is going to be an exciting upcoming few months in the big little Village of Newcastle.

After much anticipation, planning, and construction, the Newcastle IGA will open its new facility on King Street East. Read the article on the front page for more details. The Chamber welcomes this new development and thanks the Gyaltsan family for working hard to get this downtown project up and running. It will be a real boost to Newcastle and District.

Speaking of construction, Dunbury Homes will be building the first 103 homes of 500 that will eventually be built on their 175 acre site east of the Newcastle Public School. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Dunbury Homes and to our many new neighbours. Newcastle is a great place to live and work.

Read on to find out about other businesses and happenings in town.

The Newcastle and District Chamber of Commerce would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer season. Thank you for your continued support of local businesses. As always, it is a pleasure to serve you and your family and friends.

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For a free consultation or to arrange an appointment call 786-2748 or e-mail bkay@durham.net or check out the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce web page at www.newcastle.on.ca/bkoffice.htm.

The Newcastle and District Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Betty Kay and B.K. Office Services for her recent appointment to the Chamber's Board of Directors. Congratulations Betty!

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Two New Businesses Coming To Newcastle

Newcastle Hardware Opening Soon

Newcastle will once again have a Hardware Store! The old IGA store at the corner of Mill St. and King St. has provided the ideal location for a new retail outlet in the Village. Owner and Manager Peter Koslik seized this opportunity and formed Newcastle Hardware Inc. as an independent dealer to provide the community a local source for hardware, electrical, plumbing, building materials, lawn and garden, paint and home decor and seasonal goods.

Renovations will begin August 1st and the store will be open for business September 8th. Peter and his two sons Ben and Oliver, now ten year residents of Newcastle, will be in the store seven days a week to serve your needs. Peter is looking forward to sharing his more than 20 years experience in building, home renovation and home decor. The store will operate under the banner of Newcastle RONA Hardware. RONA is a 60 year old Canadian owned dealer network of more than 450 independently owned and operated hardware and building material retail outlets serving Ontario and Eastern Canada. Newcastle Hardware will be able to access over 50,000 items from the RONA warehouse at the best prices in the market.

Sutton Group Realty Office

40 King St. East will be home to a new Sutton Group Realty Office. Sutton Group is the largest Canadian owned real estate office with over 150 offices and 7000 agents across Canada.

The Sutton Group-Dynamic franchise, which already has offices in Bowmanville and Oshawa will be opening the Newcastle office during the third week of July. Masood Vatandoust who will be working at this office indicated that there has been a need for a real estate office in Newcastle for a while. Sutton Group-Dynamic was the obvious choice. The company's full service package, relocation program, as well as its special partnership with CIBC bank to offer special mortgage packages makes it very attractive to both home buyers and sellers.

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The Newcastle and District Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Ron and Krista Moffat of Ultra Seal for their active participation in not only the Chamber, but the Lion's Club, United Church, Scouts Canada and the Small Miracles Nursery School.

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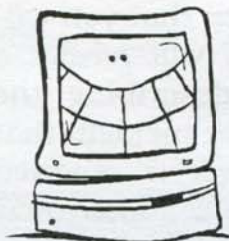
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New Chamber Web-Site!

The Newcastle and District Chamber of Commerce is in cyberspace. We are officially on the internet. Check us out at **www.newcastle.on.ca**. You will find this web-site very informative with listings of all local businesses, churches and community centres. As well, there are links to various other web-sites in town and in the region.

Special thanks to John Bugelli from Money Concepts (987-1631) and his son Chris Bugelli for coordinating this effort. Congratulations on a job well done. If you would like to have Chris design a web-site for your home or business, he can be contacted at 987-5515.

Baseball - A Newcastle Tradition



On Sunday July 17th, 1983 the Newcastle and District Chamber of Commerce played a benefit baseball game against the ladies oldtimers team. Do you recognize any of the players? The front row, from left, are: the late Howard Quinney, Murray Patterson, the late Dave McGregor, Del Moore, the late Ray Goode, Bill Kraayvanger. The back row, from left, includes: Charles Gray, Jack Chard, Tom Simpson, Rod Hamre, Harry Fox, Rod McArthur and the late Garnett Rickard.

History will repeat itself at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday August 22, 1999 when the current Chamber will take on the Orono business community. Plan on attending the "biggest" sporting event in town this year. Donations will be gratefully accepted for the local food bank.

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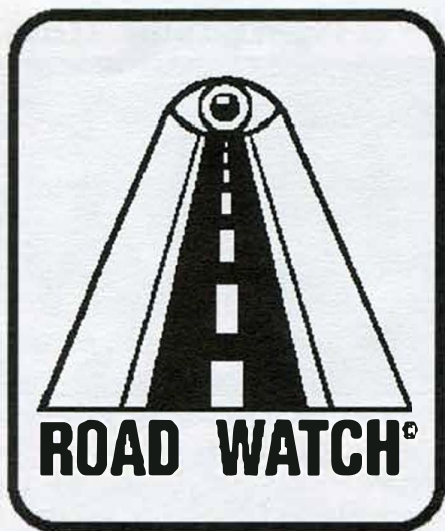


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we enter into our second year of serving the community"*



Have you ever witnessed someone driving erratically and dangerously? Have you ever thought to yourself, "I wish there was a way to report them to police?"

Well, now there is a way, thanks to the Road Watch program. This is a new community initiative designed to improve road safety by creating greater awareness and giving residents an opportunity to participate in identifying and reporting dangerous and aggressive driving in our neighbourhoods.

Citizen Report Forms may be used any time you observe an act of aggressive driving. You simply record as much information as you can about the particular

dangerous driving situation that you witnessed. Drivers reported will receive a letter from the police describing the unsafe or aggressive driving incident that was witnessed. If a driver is reported more than once, the Police will make personal contact with that individual regarding reported problems, in person or by telephone. Subsequent offences may result in enforcement action by the Police depending on the severity of the incident. The Citizen Report Forms will be available after the official launch of the program on June 22 at:

- Newcastle Village Beckers Store
- Country Style Donuts, 3005 Hwy 35/115
- Newtonville Convenience Plus

Facts Show That:

- over 85% of collisions are caused by driver error
- speed, following too closely, loss of control by the driver, are all key contributors in fatal collisions
- the majority of motor vehicle collisions and resulting injuries and fatalities are preventable
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This year's Board of Directors for the Chamber of Commerce is a mix of new and returning members. Pictured here at the Chamber's annual dinner are: (front row) John Clark, President, of Clark Family Chiropractic, Barb Shetler of Barina Home Check, and Betty Kay of B.K. Services. (back row) Mark Quin of Tsunami Martial Arts, Joyce Kufta of Newcastle Funeral Home, Judy Hope, Treasurer, of Stedman's, Ron Moffat and Krista Moffat, Secretary, of Ultra Seal, Ron Radcliffe of Kawartha Southern Electronics, Adam Reiss of Durham Computer Systems, Troy Young, Past-President, of Sonbon Homes, and Rod McArthur, Dental Surgeon. Absent: Hans Verkrusen, Vice-President, of JJ Printing. The Chamber meets on the first Monday of every month upstairs in the Newcastle Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Dunbury Homes

The Newcastle and District Chamber of Commerce would like to extend a warm welcome to Dunbury Homes. It has been approximately 9 years since any new home developments were active in the Village. When the 175 acre site is complete, it will be home to 500 families.

The site is located in the east end of town, on the south side of Highway #2. The first 103 homes in Phase 1 will be built on the south west sector of the site, just east of the Newcastle Public School.

All these Victorian-styled homes are fully detached and range in price from \$129,900 on 30 foot lots to \$216,900 on 45 foot lots. Some lots back on to parkland. There are 19 different innovative designs to suit any buyer's tastes, needs and price range. As an added incentive, they are currently offering a choice of \$5,000 in free upgrades, or a \$2,500 cash bonus, or a zero percent interest mortgage for 6 months on up to \$100,000 of mortgage.

So if you are thinking of changing addresses, visit their site office soon. They have already sold 40% of the site, making them the fastest selling development east of Metro Toronto. The sales office is open Monday to Thursday from 1-8 and weekends and holidays from 11-6. They can be reached by phone at 987-5335 or toll-free at 1-877-DUNBURY.

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Spotlight: Newcastle Funeral Home

Commitment to the families of our community means many things to Funeral Director Carl Good and his wife and business partner, Joyce Kufta. First and foremost, it means providing caring, compassionate service during the most difficult time in people's lives, and helping them with the many decisions they face when a death occurs.

This commitment to their life's work is what prompted them three years ago, after many years at a large Toronto funeral home, to move to Newcastle. They have realized their dream of moving away from the city to work together in their own funeral home. They bought the long-abandoned former Southaven Nursing Home at the corner of Mill and Robert Streets, and immediately began the task of restoring this beautiful century home to its original splendor. The main entrance to our Village is greatly enhanced by this restoration and Joyce and Carl are extremely proud to be able to care for families in a home that is so much a part of Newcastle's history.

Their commitment extends beyond the actual funeral service - Newcastle Funeral Home is one of eleven Genesis Bereavement Resource Centres in Ontario. This resource centre consists of a library of over 150 books

and videos on bereavement, illness, palliative care and other types of loss. There is a large selection of resources written specifically for both young children and teenagers, and anyone in the community is welcome to borrow from the library. Through the Genesis

Program they have also hosted three Facilitator Educations

Seminars, which provides training to those wishing to lead bereavement groups.

Carl and Joyce also provide informative funeral home tours to groups and have

done many presentations to various organizations in the community. They focus on the importance of being informed and are always willing to answer any questions about funeral service, pre-arrangement services, and the resources available to the community to help families and friends through difficult times. Funeral pre-arrangement is becoming increasingly popular, as people realize the importance of recording their own wishes and alleviating the emotional and financial burdens on their families.

Newcastle Funeral Homes is here to provide a much needed service to our growing community. If you have any questions, or if they can help you in any way, Carl and Joyce invite you to call them at 987-3964.



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October 2**
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December 5**