

Are you distracted?

Recently I went to the hardware store to buy some particular item that I needed. After browsing through the store for a while, I arrived at the check-out with a number of items. I then had to stop and think – what was it that I had come here to buy in the first place? There were so many items around me in the store, that I got distracted from the original purpose of my visit.

The same thing can happen when we decide to research something on the internet.

We can start one place – such as finding out about a flight for our next vacation – and end up finding information on all kinds of other related items – just by clicking on different links. Again we got distracted from our original goal.

Unfortunately we can easily get distracted from what is important in life, and spend a lot of time and energy on things that really aren't as important.

The first and most important thing that we should not get distracted from is our relationship

with God. If we have accepted Jesus as our own personal saviour, believing he died for the wrong things that we have done, then we have been brought back into a right relationship with Him. It is up to us to keep our attention on Him by studying the scriptures and spending time with Him in prayer. We also need to meet with other Christians for worship, teaching and encouragement as we walk with Him and tell others what He has done for us.

The second thing we

should not get distracted from is our relationship with our spouse.

Through time this relationship can easily be taken for granted. Our job or hobby can quickly become something that is distracting us from it. We need to purposefully keep that relationship alive by spending quality time together (get a baby sitter and schedule it into your appointment book if necessary). It takes time and energy to keep our relationship going the way it should.

The third thing we should not get distracted from is our relationship with our children. After a hard days work we can easily disengage from our children when we get home.

We must make a concerted effort to give them the attention they crave. Help them with their homework, play road hockey with them, or just sit down and talk with them to find out how their day went. Those who say "they grow up so fast" are right. Give them your time. You will never regret it.

Royal Canadian Legion News

Our First Friday Dinner
By TINA MORRELL
Branch 233, Orangeville

will be held on Sept 11 and it will be Cathy Clarke's Famous Meat Pies Price will be \$6.00 (All are Welcome) Tickets Available at the Bar.

On Saturday, September 12th join us for karaoke from 9pm to 1am with host Johnny Green.

Sunday Sept 13th we will have Euchre at the Legion starting at 1:00pm (doors open at noon) cost \$10.00. Open to the public. All money given back in prizes.

We will be holding our Grand Opening for Barrier Free during Legion Week (Friday - Sept 25th) and we will be hosting our Famous Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings including Dessert

The price will be \$10.00 All are Welcome Come see our New refurbishments. We will be offering Eat in or Take out.

Our Banquet hall(Downstairs) will be setup for anyone that would like to bring their families and enjoy a home cooked Meal. Tickets Available at the Bar.

Delivery available for Seniors only.
Lest We Forget

DUFFERIN AREA Church Directory

ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
5 FIRST AVENUE, ORANGEVILLE
519-941-0640
FIND OUT MORE AT www.saintmark.ca
WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE WITH US!
10:30 a.m. Dedication Service of the new addition & renovation of St. Mark's (Sunday School and Nursery)
Rector: The Venerable Peter Scott
Organist: Pam Claridge

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
312 Owen Sound St., Shelburne 925-2923
Pastor: Rev. Susan D. Wilson
Sunday, September 13 - 10:30 a.m.

Grace Church of the Nazarene
at The Ministry Centre
736 Steeles Street, Unit 3, Shelburne
10:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship and ACTS for Children
Pastor: Rev. Bob McLellan - 519-925-0560
Website: www.ShelburneGrace.com
Come Grow With Us!

BROADWAY TABERNACLE
Lead Pastor: Paul Carroll
Sunday Services 10:00 a.m. Young Adults Program 7:11 pm
Programs for all ages
Broadway welcomes you!
Located: 1/4 kilometre West of C-Line, Orangeville
519-941-3981 www.broadwaytab.com

ORANGEVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of Hwy.10 and Hockley Rd.
Sunday Worship Services at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
There's a place for you and your family at OBC.
Come join us!
For info about programs for children, students, and adults, visit www.orangevillebaptist.com or call 519.941.4790.

ABIDING PLACE MINISTRIES
A Church with a Difference, making a Difference
Auditorium, Dufferin Oaks, Shelburne
"C" Door off Centre Street
Sunday Services - 10 a.m. & Children's Church
Bible Study & Prayer - Wed. 7 p.m. @ Pastor's Home
Pastor Rev. Gord Horsley (519) 925-3651
Come and be blessed, all are welcome!

HOCKLEY VALLEY BIBLE CHAPEL
SUNDAY SERVICES
10:30 a.m. Family Worship, Sunday School
Hockley Road (between 2nd & 3rd Line, Mono)
Office 942-8200 Pastor Mark Condon

CELEBRATE YOUR LOVE FOR GOD

JEHOVAH JIREH CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES
"Preparing the Way of the Lord"
Hwy. #10, 3 km south of Orangeville
Sundays @ 10 a.m. Wednesdays @ 7:30 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Carol McLean 942-2338
Everyone is Welcome!
www.jjcm.ca

FAITH FELLOWSHIP
SUNDAY: Service 11:00 a.m., Last Sunday Evening monthly - Family Night - 6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: Home Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Call for Location.
Hwy. #9 East of Hwy. #10, Orangeville (beside Toyota Dealership)
Pastor: Dan Welwood
Church Office: 942-4414
Affiliated with the Independent Assemblies of God International

WESTMINSTER UNITED CHURCH
247 Broadway, Orangeville 941-0381
Rev. Sandra McLauchlan-Abuja
Worship Service, Sunday School Classes,
10:30 a.m.
www.westminsterorangeville.ca
"Westminster United Church; Seeking and Sharing the Love of God"

BETHEL BIBLE CHAPEL
419 Main Street East, Shelburne
Sunday Services - 9:30 a.m. Lord's Supper
10:45 am Family Bible Hour, Sunday School
Chapel - 519-925-3910 or 519-925-0541
www.bethelshelburne.com All Welcome

St. JOHN'S CHURCH
3907 Highway 9 Caledon, ON 519-941-1950 519-941-5817 (f)
anglican@bellnet.ca www.stjohnshw9caledon.ca
Just east of Orangeville

Every Sunday morning
9 a.m. Church Lite: all ages worship
9:45 a.m. Café St. Jean: Coffee & Breakfast -
Veggie Tales Sunday School
11 a.m. Anglican Classic Choral Eucharist

COVENANT ALLIANCE CHURCH
www.TheHeartofOrangeville.com
Worshipping every Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.
3 Zina St., on the corner of First and Zina!
519-941-2707

CHRIST CHURCH WHITFIELD
Centre Rd. & Dufferin 17
925-2923
All welcome to a Traditional Anglican service in a small, friendly country church.
Sunday, September 13 at 8:00 am

BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF GRAND VALLEY
152 Main Street North 928-5658
10:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Camilla-Laurel-Mono Centre Pastoral Charge
Sunday, Sept. 13 - St. Andrew's, Camilla
- Anniversary and Baptism
Sunday, Sept. 20 - Laurel United
Sunday, Sept. 27 - Burn's United,
Mono Centre
Sunday, October 4 - St. Andrew's, Camilla
All Services @ 10:30 a.m.
Minister: The Reverend Don Nash
519-941-0972

DUFFERIN COUNTY CHRISTADELPHIANS
10th Line Amaranth
Contact: Chris (925-2236)
Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
* Sunday 6:00 p.m. Bible Talk
* Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Bible Study
* Friday 7:45 p.m. Youth Group
* Please call to verify location!
• No Collection • Free Literature
• Refreshments
• All are welcome!

New Hope Community Church
690 Riddell
Orangeville
943-1203
Worship Service
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Majors David and Donna Kennedy

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
11 am Service with Rev. Edward Bellsmith
Nursery, Sunday School & Teen Group
Music, Social events & Outreach
200 Owen Sound St., Shelburne 925-2233
www.wondercafe.ca/churches/trinity-united-church
trinityunitedchurch@bellnet.ca

Community of Christ
Grand Valley Branch - Mill Street, Grand Valley
Pastor: Elder Del Franks
Church phone: 928-3020 Pastor's phone: 940-8660
9:45 a.m. - Adult and Children's Church School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Shelburne (Reddickville) Branch - Pastor: Bill Arnold
519-925-2796

Just as in the hardware store or on the internet, there are many things that might distract us. In fact, the world around us is full of distractions. Last year we took a trip to New York City. Just looking down

Times Square is enough to boggle the mind. There were signs, billboards and lights everywhere – each one trying to get our attention.

The world out there is like that. We are being

bombarded by messages coming at us from all directions. Go here, do this, believe that.

Let's remember to not get distracted from those important things in life - our relationship with God,

our relationship with our spouse, and our relationship with our children. Spending time on each has great rewards.

Jim Rintoul
Bethel Bible Chapel
Shelburne

Melancthon council doesn't favour huge quarry

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was making notes to report back to his investors.

Reporter Wes Keller will be reporting on this Council meeting, so it will be interesting to read this paper's slant.

I would like to challenge all remaining citizens province-wide to voice your opinion. Since our North Dufferin water feeds the Great Lakes, what we do to the headwaters affects all those downstream.

To start the process, I have listed a few questions, and responded with my personal opinion.

Q#1: Do you want to have 2,400 acres of North Dufferin cropland turned into a 200-foot below the water level pit to extract limestone?

My response: No, I do not want this open pit mine. I want the land to remain in agricultural production. We supply one-half of Ontario's potatoes, so we should not sacrifice this crop to aggregate and limestone extraction. Our sandy-loam soil is unique to Ontario, and should receive a Specialty Crop Designation. The Highland Companies told Wes Keller that it wanted to create "a world-class potato operation"! So let's hold them to their word!

My message to Highland's investors is to not get greedy. You already make large profits from your potato operation, on the 6,000-plus acres you now own in North Dufferin.

Q#2: Do you believe Highland when they say they will "rehabilitate" the proposed quarry back to farming?

My response: There is no way to rehabilitate a 200-foot-deep pit to its current glory. Since we are the headwaters, Dundalk being the highest point in Southern Ontario, and the recharge area for the Great Lakes, the water will eventually fill the pit. There is no way 24-hour pumping will not break down at some point. It may occur during heavy rainfalls when the pumps can't keep up with the quantity of water.

Since limestone has tiny hairline cracks, the water will simply find these cracks and fill the hole with water from the sides. Also, water will enter from the bottom of the pit. Therefore, fish farming will be the only possibility if the limestone quarry is approved, as area wells dry up and rivers and underground aquifers are diverted to the pit.

Q#3: Have you checked the water level in your well? Do you think this should be done?

My response: Not yet, but this is something we are going to do. We have a dug well, and have never had a problem with water quantity or volume. However, I have heard that wells did go dry near the Strada pit. The Highland proposal of 200 feet is even deeper.

Q#4: If you had to prioritize water, agricultural and aggregate extraction, what should the order be?

My response: I think water is the most important natural resource and should receive priority over aggregates or farming. We would not be able to live without it.

Secondly, I think agriculture should receive the second highest priority, because with population expansion, we must preserve the farmland we currently have. Aggregate and mining are also important to road building and construction, but should receive third priority after water and agriculture. What good is a road and building if people are starving or dying from lack of clean, pure water?

Q#5: Have you heard any elected official in Dufferin County voice a conflict of interest, and step down from decision-making?

My response: First, I would like to say that those officials who declared a conflict of interest were honest enough to come forward, and for this I respect them.

Yes, Mr. Matthews, our

professionals at the OMB hearings in Melancthon and Amaranth, and the citizens lost. Highland is likewise hiring professionals with the same intent.

Q#6: Do you think our history is being celebrated in North Dufferin?

My response: Not at all! I think the demolition of heritage homes, the pathetic genealogical record on the Web, and our history written by Wind Developers is testament to the lack of respect to our historical past.

Q#7: Has North Dufferin experienced de-population trends? Why?

My response: Yes, de-population has occurred in North Dufferin. The wind turbine setbacks have not been enough to keep people safe from audible and infrasonic noise, vibration, or ice throw, strobe-effects, and home devaluations. As a result, people have suffered before being bought out by developers. These homes are abandoned, demolished or occupied by developers' staff members.

Q#8: Are you happy with the local news coverage?

Joan Lever
(jlever@sympatico.ca)

St. Mark's Building Dedication
September 12th and 13th, 2009
Please join us!



Saturday September 12th
Open House 1 - 3
Lemonade and cookies served in the new vestibule

Sunday September 13th
Please join us for A Special Dedication Service with Bishop Michael Bird presiding
10:30 a.m.
Lunch and refreshments to follow!
(There will be no 8:30 service on Sept. 13th)

5 First Ave, Orangeville
519-941-0640
www.saintmark.ca

Town of Shelburne Request for Proposal #09-2009 Water and Sewer Rate Study

Introduction
The Town of Shelburne is engaging in a Water and Sewer Rate Study. The Town currently operates one municipal water system with four active wells in various locations and one municipal water pollution control plant. A new well and water metering program will be added to the system in 2010. The current water system delivers to 1,989 customers; 64 metered commercial and industrial locations and 1,925 non-metered consumers encompassing a mix of residential, commercial and industrial.

Project Requirements
The Request for Proposal should address the requirements to achieve the financial modeling and rate study outlined in the Sustainable Water and Sewer Systems Act, 2002. The Proposal should include:

1. Understanding of the Project
2. Complete work plan indicating tasks required to meet the legislation, presentations to Council, conducting Public Meetings and bylaw formulation.
3. Time schedule for the project, with a start date of November 1, 2009.
4. Information required from Shelburne staff/engineers.
5. Experience of the Project Team.
6. Brief description, including contact person, for 3 similar projects.
7. Cost of completed project including allowance, if any, for adjustments after the regulations are released.

Closing date for RFP:
Proponents are required to submit four (4) copies of their proposal in a sealed envelope and clearly identified as "Request for Proposal #09-2009. Water and Sewer Rate Study". Proposals should be submitted to the Town of Shelburne Administrative Office no later than 3:00PM on Tuesday September 23, 2009. Email and fax submissions will not be accepted as a method of delivering submitted proposals.

The Request for Proposals shall be submitted to:
"RFP 09-2009 Water Rate Study"
ATTN: Cecile Grant, Town Treasurer
Town of Shelburne
203 Main Street East
Shelburne, Ontario, L0N 1S0

Should there be any questions or clarifications required on this Request for Proposal please contact:
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