

July Newsletter!



Summer outreach is in full swing!

The Routes Connecting Communities team is hitting the road and attending community outreach events all across York Region! We're sharing information about our programs, connecting residents with valuable local resources, and showcasing the many ways you can volunteer and make a positive impact. If you see us at an event, come by and say hello!

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Volunteer **Spotlight!**

Debbie V.

Tell us a little about yourself

I have lived in the town of Georgina since I was 12 years old. I have an amazing husband Dave, 2 wonderful sons Corey and Kevin and 4 beautiful grand children James 10, Grace 7, Ben 3 1/2 and Jack 1 1/2. I love where I live as it is walking distance to our beautiful lake. I retired after 30 years from Rogers Communications on August 1st, 2025 and am enjoying every minute of Retirement.

What has been your favourite memory or experience?

My favorite experience is mentoring young people and giving them the confidence that you can do what ever you set your mind to.

What have you gained from volunteering with The Learning Café?

For me volunteering has given me the opportunity to meet people in the community and give back to the community at the same time. I am blessed to have made some new friends through volunteering. There is nothing more rewarding when I get a big smile and a thank you as I hand out home baked cookies



What inspired you to volunteer with The Learning Café

The first week I retired I walked into the Link - I had never been inside the building and was amazed at how many different programs are inside this building. When I walked in I looked a bit lost and found Chef Cori sitting at a table working at her laptop. We sparked up a conversation and I told her I was looking for voluntary opportunities and that is where it all started. Not only do I volunteer with The Learning Café I also volunteer with the Good Food Collection, York Region District School Board Program, Food Bank, Community Living. and also with a local school snack program.



New Bingo Volunteers, Sharon & Dale!

The Good Food Collective Menu



Globally Inspired Meals with Homemade Flavour & Local Ingredients
20849 Dalton Rd, Sutton | Wednesdays 12-1:30PM | Dine-in: Pay-what-you-can | Takeout:
Minimum \$8 (reservations due by 4PM Monday)
Interested in sponsoring a lunch? Reach out to Carolyn at carolyn@routescc.org

July 8

FLATBREAD PIZZA & GARDEN SALAD

Summer Celebration
Sponsored by: Mazon
Canada
Becky Reddy's Birthday



July 15

CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD WITH GARLIC BREAD

Disability Pride Month
YRFN Fresh Food Market
Sponsored by: United Way
of Greater Toronto



July 22

SAUSAGE ON A BUN WITH MACARONI SALAD

National Hot Dog day
Community group: Rescue
Lake Simcoe Coalition



July 29

SOUVLAKI WITH ORZO GREEK SALAD

Greece Athens Epidaurus
Festival
Sponsored by: GFC
Harvest Dinner



CONTACT:

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E-Transfer: finance@routescc.org
Add message "GFC Lunch"

Questbus!

JULY QUEST BUS TRIPS

FOOD ACCESS SUPPORT

GOOD FOOD COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY LUNCH

\$5 Fare | \$5 Suggested Dine-In | \$8 Takeout
12:00PM-1:00PM | Wednesdays: July 8 & 29



Thank you to the **Town of East Gwillimbury** for helping bring back trips to the GFC Community Lunch! Their generous support funds two outings each month.

SHOP, SOCIAL & WELLNESS (GEORGINA ONLY)

KESWICK WALMART PLAZA

*FIRST COME FIRST SERVE, LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE.

10:00AM-2:00PM | **24 SEATS AVAILABLE** | Wed, July 15 | \$10 Fare



Kin Canada

Kinette Club
of Sutton

Thank you to the **Kinette Club of Sutton** for supporting our Walmart trips! Their generous support provides one shopping trip per month throughout this summer.

ROAD TO FITNESS & FRIENDSHIP

TAI CHI @ THE GEORGINA ICE PALACE

Tuesdays Weekly: July 7, 14, 21, 28 | 10:00AM-11:00AM | **FREE** Fare

Must be Registered | Apply Now: forms.office.com/r/uq9BabupSc

Comes with **FREE** Rec Pass | For Seniors 55+ in Georgina



Proudly supported by:

GEORGINA
2026

Thank you to the **Town of Georgina** for funding our recreation shuttle! Their generous support helps residents access fitness and community connection once per week.



PICK-UP FROM YOUR HOME!
CALL 905-722-4616 x 1 TO RESERVE A SEAT!

The Good Food Collective Harvest Dinner is back!!



2nd Annual

HARVEST DINNER

OCTOBER 23rd 2026 5:30pm-9:00pm
At The LINK - 20849 Dalton Rd., Sutton

DINNER - 50/50 DRAW - SILENT AUCTION - BAR

\$55 per single ticket

\$400* for a table of 8

*early bird pricing, \$440 after August 10



Tickets available at
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/2nd-annual-good-food-collective-harvest-dinner>
or by scanning the QR code

Menu

- Beef Brisket Sliders
- Vegetarian mushroom stack*
- Gourmet macaroni and cheese
- Farm-fresh coleslaw (GF, V)
- Seasonal roasted root vegetable (GF, V)
- Tomato soup shooters (GF, V)
- Farm-fresh local pies
- Wine and beer
- Non-alcoholic options available

**Vegetarian option available upon request*

For more information, contact info@goodfoodcollective.ca



Purchase your tickets here!



2nd Annual HARVEST DINNER

SCAN FOR
TICKETS



OCTOBER 23rd 2026, 5:30pm-9:00pm at The LINK, 20849 Dalton Rd.

CALL FOR SPONSORS

All sponsors will be displayed on signage at the event.
Multiple sponsor slots are open for each level.

Exclusive sponsorships in any category are available upon request. Increase in cost should be expected.

\$1000+ PARTNERSHIP SPONSOR

- Contributes to grocery costs
- Prominent placement of the company logo at event
- 2 complimentary tickets

\$600 DESSERT SPONSOR

- Funds farm-fresh local pies from Homestead Orchards



\$200-\$400 BEVERAGE & DINNERWARE SPONSOR

- Funds beer, wine, and cider as well as dinnerware and party rentals

\$50 TABLE SPONSOR

- Company logo displayed at a dining table

SILENT AUCTION ITEM DONATIONS

- Gift cards, goods, and services

To become a sponsor, contact info@goodfoodcollective.ca
by September 10th, 2026



Inquire about becoming a sponsor here:

FREE 7TH EDITION BRAIN GAMES BOOKLETS!



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- WORD SEARCHES
- LOCAL ADVERTISEMENTS
- AND MORE!

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**Georgina Community Action
Table Programming**



SENIOR DROP-INS

A FREE DROP-IN FOR SENIORS 55+

PRESENTED BY THE NORTHERN GEORGINA COMMUNITY ACTION TABLE

THUR
JULY 2

Puppy visit and Card Games

10am-12pm Link Meeting Room



THUR July 9: NO DROP IN

THUR
JULY 16

Paper flower bouquet

10am-12pm Link Meeting Room

THUR
JULY 23

Air Dry Scentables

10am-12pm Link Meeting Room



THUR
JULY 30

Learn about spices with Zaheeda

10am-12pm Link Meeting Room



**No Sign Up Necessary
Light Refreshments Provided**

Contact: Karen

905-722-4616 x 6 or KarenW@routesc.org



Lead Agency for the Northern
Georgina Community Action Table:



**Newmarket Community Action
Table Programming**



**Newmarket Public Library • 438 Park Avenue • MultiPurpose Room,
Newmarket, ON**

≡ Newmarket CAT Presents: ≡



Food Smart — Choose Smart

≡ **A fun, hands-on summer food literacy
program for children & youth** ≡

This Quick Action Grant is provided by The Newmarket CAT.
The activity will be free to all participants.



**Grades 4–6
(Ages 9–12)**

Tuesdays • July 7 – August 5

Group A: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Group B: 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

5 sessions



**Grades 7–12
(Ages 13–18)**

Wednesdays • July 8 – Aug 19

(no session July 22)

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

6 sessions



Each session is packed with food-based games,
hands-on produce exploration, quizzes, and team
challenges — because kids remember what they
experience with friends.



How to Register: Email
foodsmart@proton.me with your
child's name, grade, and preferred
session time.

**First-come, first-served. Spaces are
limited to 15 per group — register early!**

Scan here



Scan to register



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