

October 2025


routes

ROUND UP



Routes staff members Tracey, Jordan, Brooklyn & Emily had a great day at the 1st Annual Nine and Dine Golf Tournament hosted by the Chamber of Commerce!

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COMMUNITY EVENT CALENDARS

[Georgina Community Events](#)

[Newmarket Community Events](#)

KEY DATES

OCTOBER 2

DROP-IN BASKETBALL
JM DENISON SS, NEWMARKET | 6-8PM

OCTOBER 4

NYSS CAREGIVER SUPPORT FAIR
THE MURC, KESWICK | 10AM-1PM

OCTOBER 8

YRFN FRESH FOOD MARKET GEORGINA
THE LINK, SUTTON | 11:30AM-1PM

OCTOBER 9

DROP-IN VOLLEYBALL
JM DENISON SS, NEWMARKET | 6:00-7:30PM

OCTOBER 15

NEWMARKET HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DINNER
CHURCH OF CHRIST, NEWMARKET
3:30-7PM

OCTOBER 16

FREE BADMINTON SESSION
JM DENISON SS, NEWMARKET | 6:00-7:30PM

OCTOBER 18

HOUSING EXPO
LANGSTAFF COMMUNITY CENTER, RICHMOND
HILL | 11:30AM-2:30PM

OCTOBER 21

PICKERING CASINO BUS TRIP
PICKERING | \$30 BUS FARE | 12-3PM

OCTOBER 22

YRFN FRESH FOOD MARKET GEORGINA
THE LINK, SUTTON | 11:30AM-1PM

OCTOBER 24

GFC HARVEST DINNER
THE LINK, SUTTON | 6-9PM

OCTOBER 30

JR.BASKETBALL
JM DENISON SS, NEWMARKET | 6:00-7:30PM



Community Lunch

12-1:30 PM

The Link, Sutton

October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Welcome New Volunteers!

Welcome new Volunteer Drivers
Chris, David & Sandy!

Welcome

By The Numbers - August



1,498
Rides



925
Riders



59 New
Clients

Call for Volunteers!

Volunteer as a Friendly Caller!



We are looking for caring
volunteers who are interested in
having friendly phone
conversations with other
community members!

Does this apply to you?
For more information or to submit
an application,
Visit our website: routescc.org
Email: info@routescc.org
or call: (905) 722-4616

Volunteer Spotlight: Gunta K

? Tell us about yourself!

I moved from Toronto to Georgina just one week before COVID-19 changed all our lives. That move reshaped my world in ways I couldn't have imagined. Only recently, in December 2024, I learned about Routes, and it immediately resonated with me. From 2000 to 2020, I lived in Toronto with my mother. During those years, I was not only her daughter but also her companion — renovating our family home, caring for her cat while she traveled with friends, and supporting her as she transitioned from retirement into her 90s. As time went on, she needed more help: trips to medical appointments, hospital visits, and care related to her macular degeneration and dementia became part of our daily life.



? How has Routes impacted you?

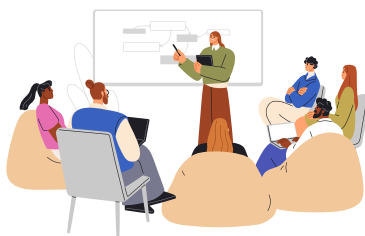
When I discovered Routes, I recognized it as a beautiful way our community helps those in need — and I felt inspired to give back in the same spirit with which I had supported my mother. Volunteering with Routes has allowed me to do just that.

Being a Routes volunteer has been an incredibly positive experience. Thank you to the dedicated staff and to all the clients who, often without realizing it, make such a difference in my life. The impact of Routes goes far beyond transportation — it strengthens our community and reminds me daily how powerful compassion and connection can be.



? What is your favourite memory with Routes?

I truly enjoy giving my time to help clients, and I'm grateful for the many meaningful connections I've made. Often, the rides themselves turn into enriching conversations — exchanging life stories, career advice, and perspectives that leave me feeling fulfilled and rewarded.



Client Satisfaction Survey

CLIENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

We value your feedback to improve our services. Share your thoughts and suggestions with us!

By completing this survey, you will be entered into a draw to win a \$100 Gift Card.



[ACCESS THE SURVEY HERE](#)

Harvest Dinner



**Join us for a Harvest Dinner in support
of the Good Food Collective**

OCTOBER 24, 2025: 6-9PM

**AT THE LINK
20849 DALTON RD, SUTTON**



**\$45 PER
TICKET***

**TABLE
OF 8 FOR
\$320***

**SCAN
ME!**



Tickets available at Eventbrite by
scanning the QR code,
or visit
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/harvest-dinner-good-food-collective-tickets-1537277561569?aff=oddtcreator>
(*Plus applicable fees)

For more information, contact
info@goodfoodcollective.ca



**Volunteer with setup or clean-up: Email
Carolyn@routescc.org**

Harvest Dinner



HARVEST DINNER

SCAN ME!



OCTOBER 24, 2025: 6-9PM
AT THE LINK
 EVENT TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR
\$45 EACH ON EVENTBRITE
 (+APPLICABLE FEES)

CALL FOR SPONSORS

PARTNERSHIP SPONSOR - \$1000+

- Prominent placement of the company logo on event materials
- Tickets for 2 guests
- Recognition in all media coverage
- Display of company banner or signage at the event

DINNERWARE AND PARTY RENTALS - \$500

- Placement of the company logo on event materials
- Recognition in all media coverage
- Display of company banner or signage at the event

WINE AND BEER SPONSOR - \$250

- Placement of the company logo on event materials
- Recognition in all media coverage
- Display of company banner or signage at the event

TABLE SPONSOR - \$50

- Placement of the company logo on event materials
- Display of company logo on a table

SILENT AUCTION ITEM DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED

To become a sponsor, contact
info@goodfoodcollective.ca
 by September 26th, 2025

QuestBus Trips!



FOOD ACCESS SUPPORT



GEORGINA FOOD PANTRY

11:00AM | Fridays: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Free Bus Fare | Call: (905) 596-0557



GOOD FOOD COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY LUNCH

\$5 Bus Fare | \$5 Suggested Dine-In | \$8 Takeout
12:00PM-1:00PM | Wednesdays: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29



SHOP, SOCIAL & WELLNESS (GEORGINA ONLY)



KESWICK WALMART PLAZA

10AM-12PM or 12PM-2PM | Tuesdays: Oct. 14 & 28 | \$10 Bus Fare



ROAD TO FITNESS & FRIENDSHIP: THE MURC OPEN SWIM - ALL POOLS OPEN!

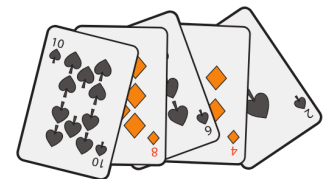
Monday Weekly: Oct. 6, 20, 27 & Nov. 3 | 12:45PM-2:45PM | Free Bus Fare
Must be Registered | Apply Now: forms.office.com/r/uq9BabupSc
Applications accepted on rolling basis! Different drop-in each month.
Comes with **FREE** Rec Pass | For Seniors 55+ in Georgina

ADVENTURE AWAITS – TAKE THE QUEST!



PICKERING CASINO

SLOT MACHINES, LIVE TABLES, & DINING OPTIONS ONSITE!
12:00PM-3:00PM
Tues, Oct. 21 | \$30.00 Bus Fare



HARVEST DINNER AT THE LINK

JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS MEAL & SUPPORT THE GOOD FOOD COLLECTIVE!
6:00PM-9:00PM
Fri, Oct. 24 | \$20.00 Bus Fare



PICK-UP FROM YOUR HOME!

CALL 905-722-4616 x 1
TO RESERVE A SEAT!

PROJECT FUNDED BY:



Good Food Collective Menu



October MENU GOOD FOOD COLLECTIVE



Globally Inspired Meals with Homemade Flavour & Local Ingredients
 20849 Dalton Rd, Sutton | Wednesdays 12-1:30PM | \$5 Transportation avail. upon request
 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

October 1

BRAISED BRISKET STEW

Sponsored by York Region Police
 Rosh Hashanah



October 8

GRILLED CHEESE AND TOMATO SOUP

Sponsored by: Scotia McLeod
 Dessert sponsored: by Colin Carter
 Community Group: Georgina Fire Department
 Thanksgiving!



SCOTIAMCLEOD CHARITABLE
 FOUNDATION



October 15

POT PIES, SALAD AND COOKIES

Sponsored by: Georgina Cares
 Community Group :
 Georgina Cares



October 22

VEGETABLE SOUP

Sponsored by: Knox United Church
 John Howard Society
 Guest Chef!



Knox United Church
 Nokomis United Church



October 29

CHICKEN CHILI & SPOOKY DESSERT

Sponsored partially by: Kinette Club of Sutton
 Dessert sponsored by: Naturally Enchanted
 Halloween



BOO!



CONTACT:

(905) 722-4616
 info@goodfoodcollective.ca
 goodfoodcollective.ca

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

Senior Shuttle

Free

NEW!

SENIOR SHUTTLE:

THE ROAD TO FITNESS & FRIENDSHIP

APPLY TODAY!

Join us for a month of FREE Town of Georgina drop in recreation programming and a FREE bus ride each week to get there!

Entry to the program is not guaranteed. Up to 20 spots available each month. You can join multiple cohorts.

Free Rec Pass for the month!

Free Transportation once/week!

Stay healthy, active & social!

Interested? Complete the application at the link below and let us know what activities we should focus on!

<https://forms.office.com/r/uq9BabupSc>



More Info:

info@routescc.org
905-722-4616 x 1



routes
connecting communities

PROJECT FUNDED BY:

Ontario

Apply here!

Housing Expo!



United for Housing: A Community-Centered Expo

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, 2025

Langstaff Community Centre, 155 Red Maple Rd, Richmond Hill

11:30AM - 3:30PM

**FREE
EVENT**

With guest speakers,
group discussions,
information booths,
and a resource fair!



**RAFFLE
DRAW**

**FAMILY &
ACTIVITY
ZONE**

**LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS**

TOREGISTER:
Scan the QRcode
or [Click Here](#)



Join residents, service providers, and decision-makers from across York Region for a collaborative housing expo centered on equity, lived experience, and solutions. Participants will have opportunities to explore pressing issues, connect with resources, and collaborate on community-driven strategies for meaningful change.

Program Schedule

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Resource Fair Opens	Explore booths from local community agencies/support services across York Region.
12:00 PM – 12:20 PM	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Welcome from MC and Community Action Tables.
12:20 PM – 12:50 PM	Panel: Framing the Housing Crisis	Hear from policy experts, advocates and individuals with lived experience on the history, current landscape and urgent housing needs in York Region.
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Breakout Workshops (First 3 sessions will be repeated twice) Policy & Housing Options - Discuss different ways to create and maintain affordable housing in our communities: Flatpack/modular/tiny homes, co-housing, regulated rooming houses, financing options, rent control, vacancy control, vacant homes tax. Programs, Services & Supports for Tenants – Explore the programs and services available to tenants, including eviction prevention and regional supports. Discuss what's working, what's missing, and how these supports could better meet your needs. Human Rights in Housing - Learn about tenant rights and housing equity. Together, identify challenges, share experiences, and brainstorm ways to make housing fair and accessible for everyone. Your Voice Matters - Join an open discussion where your lived experiences guide the conversation. Share your priorities, highlight challenges, and work with others to generate practical solutions that can improve housing in our community.	
2:40 PM – 3:00 PM	Bringing It Together: Call to Action	Workshop highlights, community solutions, and next steps.
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Resource Fair Resumes	Visit service provider tables, network, and gather resources.

Any questions, please reach out to scrhcat@fsyr.ca

Hosted by the Community Action Tables of



Jr. Basketball!

★ **NEWMARKET COMMUNITY ACTION TABLE PRESENTS** ★

JR.

WHERE:

DR. JM DENISON SECONDARY SCHOOL
135 BRISTOL RD. (NORTH WEST ENTRANCE ONLY - FIELD PARKING LOT)

BASKETBALL



WHO: FOR
YOUTH
GRADES 3 TO 8

WHEN:

6:00PM-7:30PM
OCTOBER

30

LEADERSHIP
DEDICATION
ENJOYMENT
PHYSICAL
DEVELOPMENT
CONFIDENCE



FREE REGISTRATION



\$0
PER PLAYER

★ **WWW.LINKINGNEWMARKET.CA** ★
FOR MORE INFORMATION:

THIS ACTIVITY IS PROVIDED BY



Badminton!



Linking Newmarket Presents

FREE BADMINTON SESSION

Join us on the court! Whether you're playing for glory or just love the game, this is your moment! Open to all ages

Thursday October 16

At 06:00PM – 07:30PM

Dr. JM Denison Secondary

135 Bristol Rd. Newmarket

(North West Entrance Only – Field Parking Lot)



FREE REFRESHMENTS!

THIS ACTIVITY IS
PROVIDED BY



Drop-in Volleyball

LINKING NEWMARKET.CA

DROP IN VOLLEYBALL

6-7:30 PM
OCTOBER 9



THIS ACTIVITY IS PROVIDED BY



Open to Highschool Students - free snacks and refreshments available !

135 BRISTOL RD. NEWMARKET

DR. JM DENISON SECONDARY
(NORTH WEST ENTRANCE ONLY - FIELD PARKING LOT)

Drop-in Basketball

NEWMARKET COMMUNITY ACTION TABLE PRESENTS

BASKETBALL DROP-IN



FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH
STARTING OCTOBER 2
6-8PM



AT DR. J.M. DENISON SECONDARY SCHOOL
135 BRISTOL RD. NEWMARKET
(NORTH WEST ENTRANCE ONLY - FIELD PARKING LOT)

FREE PROGRAM
FOR HIGH
SCHOOL
STUDENTS

SNACKS AND
REFRESHMENTS
AVAILABLE



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
LINKINGNEWMARKET.CA

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Impact Snapshot - August



AUGUST 2025 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS



1,282

CLIENT RIDES



90

ACCESSIBLE
VAN RIDES

11

COMMUNITY
EVENTS

1,105

VOLUNTEER
DRIVING HOURS

305

BUS RIDES



31

FRIENDLY CALLS



214

VOLUNTEERS



451

MEALS SERVED



**WE TOOK OUR
CLIENTS 25,077 KM
THIS MONTH!**



**WE SUPPORTED 38
HOUSING CLIENTS!**

**WE MADE 35 REFERRALS FOR
TRANSPORTATION, LEGAL AND
SHELTER SUPPORTS!**



TESTIMONIAL

Housing support saved my life! Especially Christy, she was so kind and compassionate. She directed me to all the right supports, which resulted in me being able to find a residence. I was in a terrible position that she was able to fix for me. She put in so much effort. Without housing support I would have been homeless. I am forever grateful! Christy and other staff, thank you so much for everything you have done for me. I don't know how to thank you enough!



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