

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2021

EVENTS

Check the Events <u>Calendar</u> regularly for up to date information. And check your emails weekly to learn about virtual fitness classes offered.

Here are a couple of virtual events worth checking out:

Wake Up with Wellness: Monday Mindfulness (available weekly through rec centre)

Metabolic Health: Can I improve my own and lessen COVID risks? February 4

The Wonderful World of Musical Theatre. Lifelong Learning Markham. February 7, 14, 21. Happy new year! We hope everyone is staying safe and well.

What's new

There are always a few *virtual events* to check out. See a couple of suggestions to the left.

We live in a beautiful area and there are many *trails t*o enjoy on the milder, sunnier days. Some of the best in the York Regional Forest are available <u>here</u>. You can also reread HOTG magazine's earlier Feature, "<u>Take a Walk in York Regional Forests</u>"

We do keep <u>hotg.ca</u> updated. <u>Classifieds</u> and <u>Photos</u> are worth checking out regularly. Our photo editor, Glenn, is also a terrific photographer and you can enjoy many of his photos on the home page (slider). We have included a couple of his latest photos of winter in our area at the end of this newsletter. Enjoy!

We have also been busy updating <u>Boredom Busters</u> and you can hopefully find something to entertain you. We also welcome your suggestions. Please send along to <u>webmaster@hotg.ca</u>. A few recent and fun highlights are listed below.

<u>Virtual Travel</u>: an excellent website that offers virtual tours to destinations around the world. The best thing is, these virtual tours are all free. There are a number of tours coming up but also many recorded ones for your viewing pleasure.

<u>Windows Around the World</u>: If you're sick of looking out your OWN window, you can look out other people's windows from all over the world.

<u>Drive & Listen</u>: We can still travel while staying home. You can drive in 50 cities around the world and spend as much time in any one of them while "driving". You can set the speed of the vehicle, street noise and music. Turn off the music and listen to the street noise.

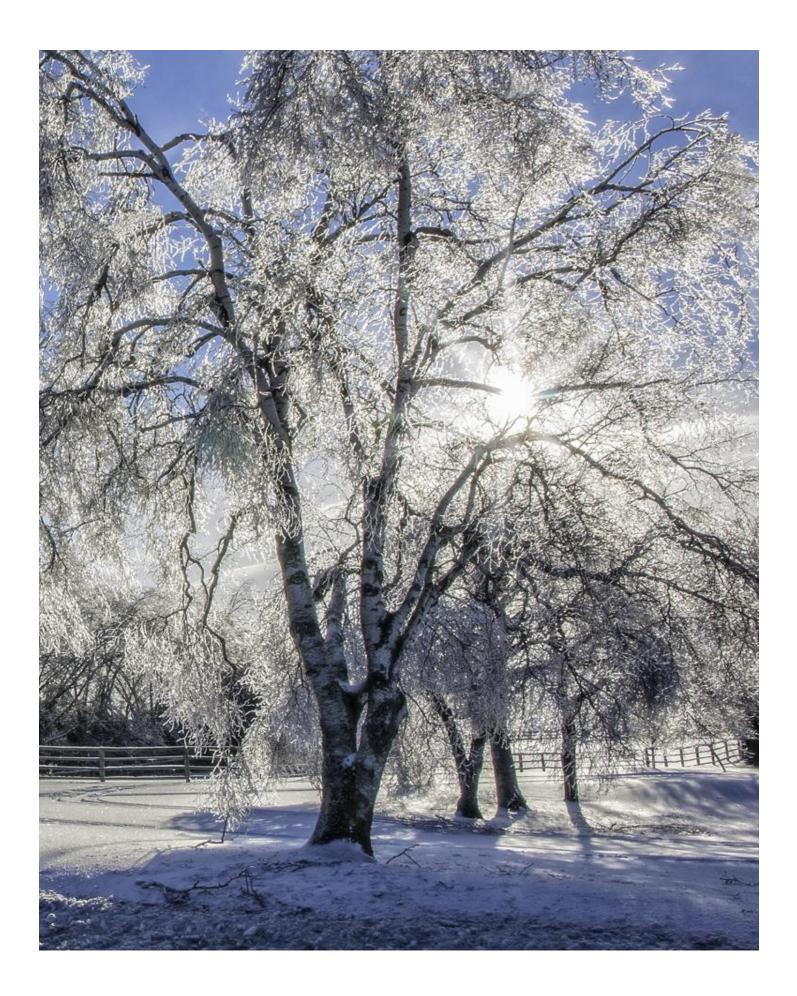
Best Canadian Jokes: One Funny Country—The Best Canadian Jokes from Coast to Coast.

Finally, we conducted a *survey* in December and we thank all those who participated—over 300 residents! It was primarily a survey about our HOTG magazine and the folks involved with the magazine will be sharing the results later in the year. Overall, ratings were very high for the magazine, the website and the newsletter.

We did hear from some that they were unaware of this newsletter and wanted to know how to subscribe. Some would also like to know how to find certain information on hotg.ca. We will address both more fully in the next issue of the magazine (in the "More Reasons to Visit hotg.ca" column). In the meantime, if you have friends and neighbours that may be interested in subscribing to the newsletter, you can forward this one and there is a link to subscribe at the bottom. You can also subscribe through the website—just go to the "magazine, newsletter, website" section listed on the main menu and follow the prompts. Or just enter "newsletter" in the search bar on the home page.

Stay safe and well.





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