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OSHAWA — LOCAL STUDENT NAMED DRPS “CHIEF FOR A DAY”
Bobby Orr Public School student Anayta Sehrawat has been selected as this year’s Durham Regional Police Chief for a Day.DRPS Chief Peter Moreira and officers surprised the Oshawa student at her school Wednesday after she won the annual essay competition.
WHY IT MATTERS:Programs connecting young residents with police can help build relationships and encourage children to think seriously about public safety and community service.
Friday, September 25, 2026
DURHAM — POLICE CHIEF RESPONDS AFTER SERIES OF HATE-RELATED INCIDENTS
Durham Regional Police Chief Peter Moreira has issued a public statement following several recent hate-related incidents affecting communities across Durham. Moreira said DRPS recognizes the fear and uncertainty these incidents can create and stressed that police investigate reports of hate crimes and hate incidents while working with affected communities. The statement follows recent investigations involving alleged online threats and anti-Muslim content in Whitby.
AJAX — COUNCIL APPROVES 66-HOME HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DEVELOPMENT
Ajax Council has approved a zoning amendment allowing a proposed 66-home Habitat for Humanity development near Rossland Road West and Harkins Drive. The revised proposal consists of three three-storey blocks of stacked back-to-back townhouses with at-grade parking. Nearby residents raised concerns involving traffic, parking, privacy and the density of the project before council approved the amendment.
PICKERING — ANOTHER \$1.7-BILLION NUCLEAR CONTRACT ANNOUNCED
The economic impact of the massive Pickering Nuclear refurbishment continues to grow. A joint venture involving AtkinsRéalis’ Candu Energy division and Aecon has signed a three-year contract worth approximately \$1.7 billion with Ontario Power Generation for engineering and procurement work connected to the refurbishment. Canadian Consulting EngineerThe contract follows other major awards associated with the approximately \$26.8-billion refurbishment project.
WHITBY — MAJOR LYNDE SHORES WETLAND RESTORATION UNDERWAY
The Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority and Ducks Unlimited Canada are moving ahead with major wetland restoration at Lynde Shores Conservation Area.The work will restore coastal wetlands, improve wildlife habitat and increase climate resilience while creating additional opportunities for residents to experience the waterfront environment.
WHY IT MATTERS: Whitby and the rest of Durham are experiencing rapid development.Protecting wetlands and natural areas becomes increasingly important as additional housing, roads and infrastructure place pressure on the environment.
WHITBY — DURHAM COLLEGE CREATES “MEMORY FOREST”
Durham College, Trees for Life and the Alzheimer Society of Ontario are partnering on a Memory Forest at Durham College’s Whitby campus.The project is being developed with support from the Barrett Family Foundation and will create a living memorial space associated with people affected by Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia. Education News Canada**WHY IT MATTERS:**The project combines environmental improvement with community awareness of dementia — an issue increasingly affecting families as Durham’s population grows and ages.
DURHAM — LOCAL SCHOOL DONATES 900 POUNDS OF FOOD AS FOOD-BANK DEMAND REMAINS HIGHS
Leo Catholic School has donated approximately 900 pounds of food to Feed the Need in Durham following its Tackle Hunger campaign.Students and community partners celebrated the campaign this week.
WHY IT MATTERS: Food-bank use remains an important measure of affordability pressure.With Durham food programs experiencing extremely high demand, local food drives are no longer simply seasonal charity efforts — they are helping meet continuing household needs.
PORT PERRY / SCUGOG — NORTHERN DURHAM HIT BY FIRST FROST WARNING OF FALL
Environment Canada issued a frost advisory for northern Durham Thursday night into this morning, warning that patchy frost could damage plants, trees and crops. Durham Radio News**WHY IT MATTERS:**Scugog, Uxbridge and Brock contain a significant portion of Durham’s agricultural land.Early frost conditions can affect growers, nurseries, gardens and agricultural operations as the fall harvest continues
PORT PERRY / SCUGOG — DEVELOPMENT AND INFRA-STRUCTURE DEBATE ENTERS FINAL MONTH BEFORE ELECTION
Port Perry continues facing major decisions involving future residential growth, commercial development and municipal infrastructure.Recent issues include proposed development on Reach Street, commercial expansion along Highway 7A, the future of the Port Perry Fairgrounds and planned upgrades to water and sewage infrastructure.
BOWMANVILLE / CLARINGTON — GROWTH CONTINUES TO DRIVE MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE WORK
Bowmanville continues dealing with significant road and infrastructure construction, including the long-term Liberty Street North project.Meanwhile, wetland restoration and environmental projects are moving forward as Clarington attempts to accommodate rapid population growth while protecting natural areas.
DURHAM — 4.8% REGIONAL TAX INCREASE REMAINS IMPORTANT ELECTION ISSUE
Durham Region’s approved 2026 budget carries a 4.8 per cent increase in Regional property taxes.For an average homeowner, the Region estimates the increase at approximately \$14 per month, with roughly \$10 going toward policing and \$4 toward other Regional services.The budget includes 78 additional uniform police positions, 33 civilian DRPS positions, expanded paramedic service, transit investment and additional housing and homelessness supports.



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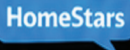
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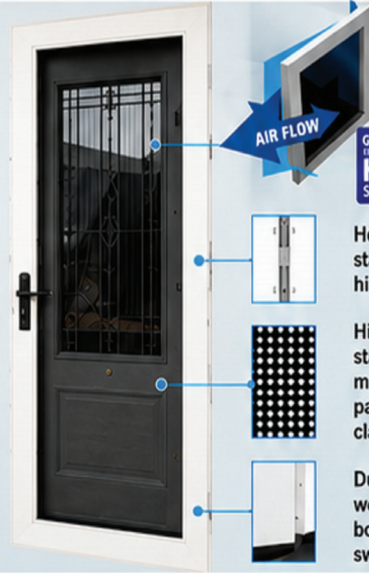
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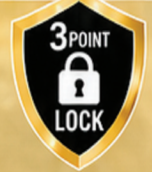
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