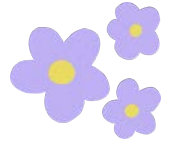


Greetings from the President, Residents' Council



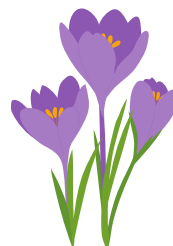
Spring greetings to my fellow Villagers! Things are starting to green up around us. Soon we'll see crocus and snow drops peaking their wee heads out from under the snowy blanket that protected them over the winter. Some people have reported seeing Robins. Always a good sign. April Fools Day where pranks and shenanigans abound. All aimed at fun and laughs for everyone involved.

Special days this month include Easter on April 5, Passover being April 1-9, and Orthodox Easter on April 12. For Easter, it brings back memories of children running and searching for hidden eggs. Easter outfits, hats and if you were lucky new shoes would be received, then off to church!

On April 14th there are the celebrations of the Solar New Year. The Sikh event is called Vaisakhi and the Hindu/Tamil New Year Puthandu. Theravada is also in early April as a Buddhist observance.

As always, I look forward to seeing you at the events. It's more fun when friends attend together! That's all for me this month except for wishing my grandson a Happy 3rd Birthday on April 9th.

Till we meet, yours truly,
Anne T the Barefoot President



GREETINGS FROM THE RECREATION TEAM

April includes many cultural and spiritual observances, including Ramadan, Vaisakhi, and celebrations such as Easter, Orthodox Easter, and Passover.

We are happy to recognize and respect the diverse traditions within our community and wish everyone a peaceful and joyful spring.

Join us for “Celebrate the Earth: Planting Seeds of Joy” as we come together to honour Earth Day April 22 at 2:15 PM. This special program will focus on caring for our planet, enjoying nature, and spreading positivity through a hands-on activity.

Wishing everyone a happy and cheerful April, filled with sunshine, smiles, and the joys of spring!

If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact me or any of the Recreational Therapists at any time. We're here to support you and ensure you have the best experience possible.

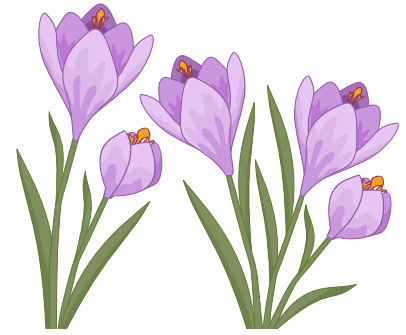
lbailey@uhs.on.ca or call extension 4225.

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APRIL FACTS



Zodiac Signs

Aries (March 21–April 19)

- Bold, energetic, confident, and driven.

Taurus (April 20–May 20)

- Steady, loyal, patient, and grounded.

Birthstones

Diamond, a clear and bright stone known for strength, purity, and lasting love.

Birth Flowers

The Daisy and the Sweet Pea.

- Daisies symbolise innocence and new beginnings, while sweet peas represent kindness and gentle emotions.

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

“In April, the world whispers that it’s never too late to bloom.”

— Unknown

“April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.”

— William Shakespeare

APRIL SPECIAL EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 2, 2:30 pm - Resident Birthday Party with Emilio in the Heritage Lounge

April 3, 10:15 am - Melody Delight in Buttonville Dining Room

April 5, 2:15 pm - Easter Social and Egg Hunt In the Heritage Lounge

April 6 - Strolling Easter Serenade with Ashley

- 10:30 to 11:30 am – 3rd Floor
- 1:30 to 2:30 pm - 2nd Floor

April 9 & 23. 10:30 am - Functional Mind and Body Boxing

April 9, - 3rd Floor & Union Mills- BG Dining Room

April 23, - 2nd Floor & Union Mills CG Dining Room

April 9, 2:30 pm - Resident Council in the Chapel

April 15, 2:30 pm - Magnificent Bells Hand Bell Choir

April 16, 2:30 pm - Jammin with Jim & Frank BV Dining Room

April 18, 10:30 am - Strolling Accordion Music with Cosimo

April 19, 2:15 pm - Earth Day Celebrate the Earth: Planting Seeds of Joy

April 21 - Outing to Dollarama!

- 1:30 to 4:30 (sign up in required, space is limited)

April 25, 2:30 pm - Spring Time Happy Hour in the Heritage Lounge

April 28, 2:30 pm - Aging Mindfully Group in the Chapel

April 30, 10:30 am - Reset & Reflect Group in the Chapel



· *Mother's Day*
· *Spring Gala Dinner*

Happy Birthday

Celebrating in April



Sylvia April 4
Catalina April 8
Mary April 10
George L April 20

Kathleen April 21
Karen April 22
Bruce April 22
Glen April 24

Welcome New Residents

Eugenie H Mary H Vaike K
Sueyyor L Barbara M Ronald N
Ersilia P

Farewell DEAR FRIENDS

Patricia J
Yuan L
Mary M
Leo Q
Elaine S
Frank S
Sylvia S

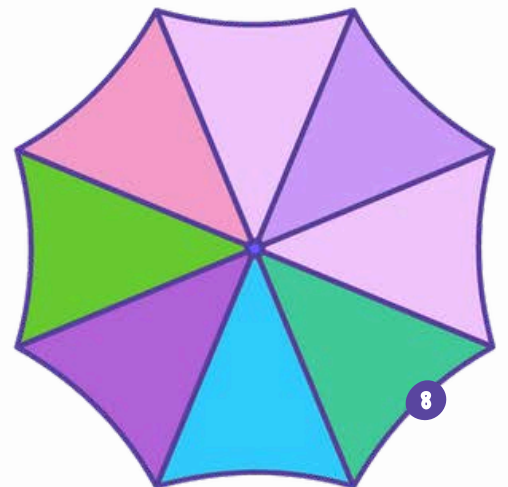
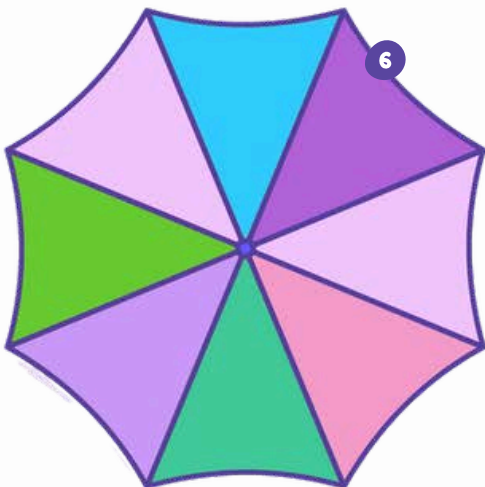
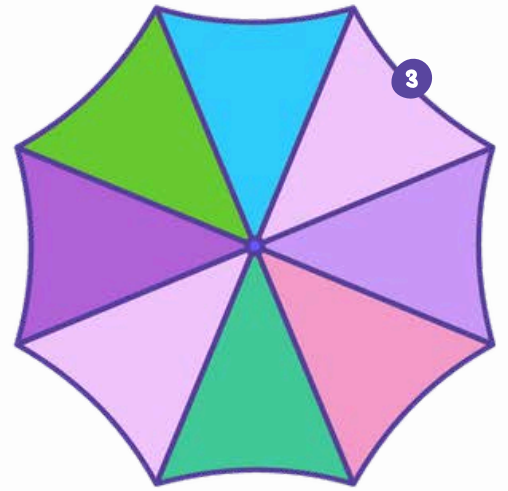
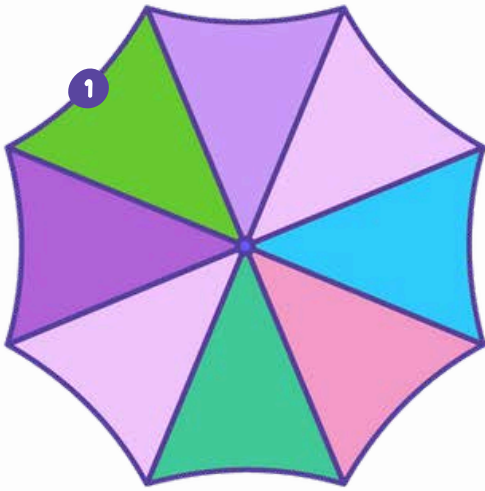
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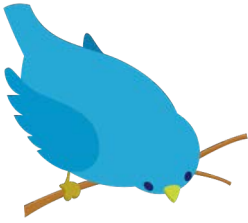
We take a moment to honour those who are no longer with us, grateful for the time they spent in our community and the warmth they brought to our days.

Their presence may have passed, but their kindness remains—carried in the memories we share and in the small ways they shaped the spaces around us.

As we remember them, we hold onto the comfort of knowing their lives touched ours, leaving behind a quiet legacy of connection and care.

RAINY DAY MATCH





SPRING



CAN YOU FIND THE SPRING-RELATED WORDS HIDDEN IN THE PUZZLE?

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 E E G U S F O C E I K I
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 S L D B O K I I A G S A
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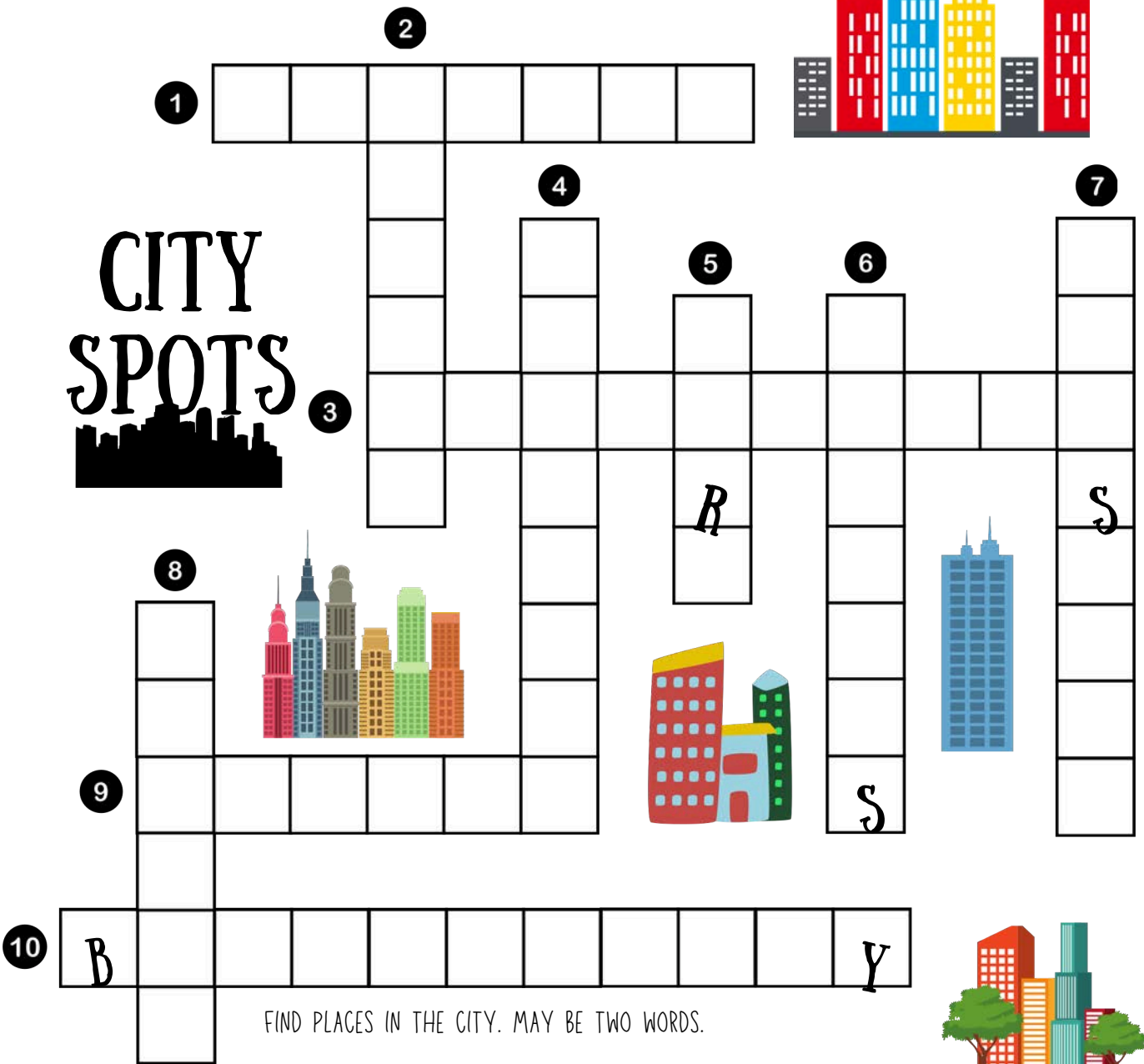
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 BLOSSOM
 BUTTERFLY
 SUNNY

BREEZE
 PICNIC
 RAINBOW
 BEE

LADYBUG
 SPROUTS
 RAIN
 GROW



CITY SPOTS

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FIND PLACES IN THE CITY. MAY BE TWO WORDS.



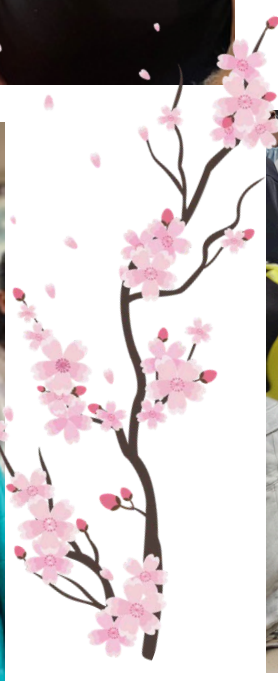
ACROSS

1. BORROW, BORROW, BORROW
3. DINE, DINE, DINE
9. LEARN, LEARN, LEARN.
10. MEAT, MEAT, MEAT

DOWN

2. BREAD, CAKES AND MUFFINS
4. HEALTH, HEALTH, HEALTH
5. WALK, PLAY, JOG
6. PERISHABLES, STAPLES, PRODUCE
7. COLLARS, TOYS, FEED
8. DISPLAYS, PAINTINGS, SCULPTURES

MEMORIES FROM MARCH



APRIL DAYS OF SIGNIFICANCE

We are proud to share these upcoming special days and holidays with our residents. Acknowledging and celebrating these days of significance supports a sense of community through inclusion.



Passover April 1-9

Passover, or Pesach is one of the most important festivals in the Jewish calendar. This year, Passover begins on the evening of April 1 through Thursday, April 9, 2026. One of the major Jewish holidays, Pesach celebrates the Exodus of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Passover is a week-long celebration that includes a special meal called the Seder.



Good Friday April 3

This is a significant and holy Christian holiday commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary. It is observed during Holy Week as part of the Paschal Triduum.



Easter April 5

Easter, is a joyful day for Christians that marks the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The day symbolizes hope, reflection and renewal with Christians attending church services, enjoying festive meals with family and traditions like Easter egg hunts.



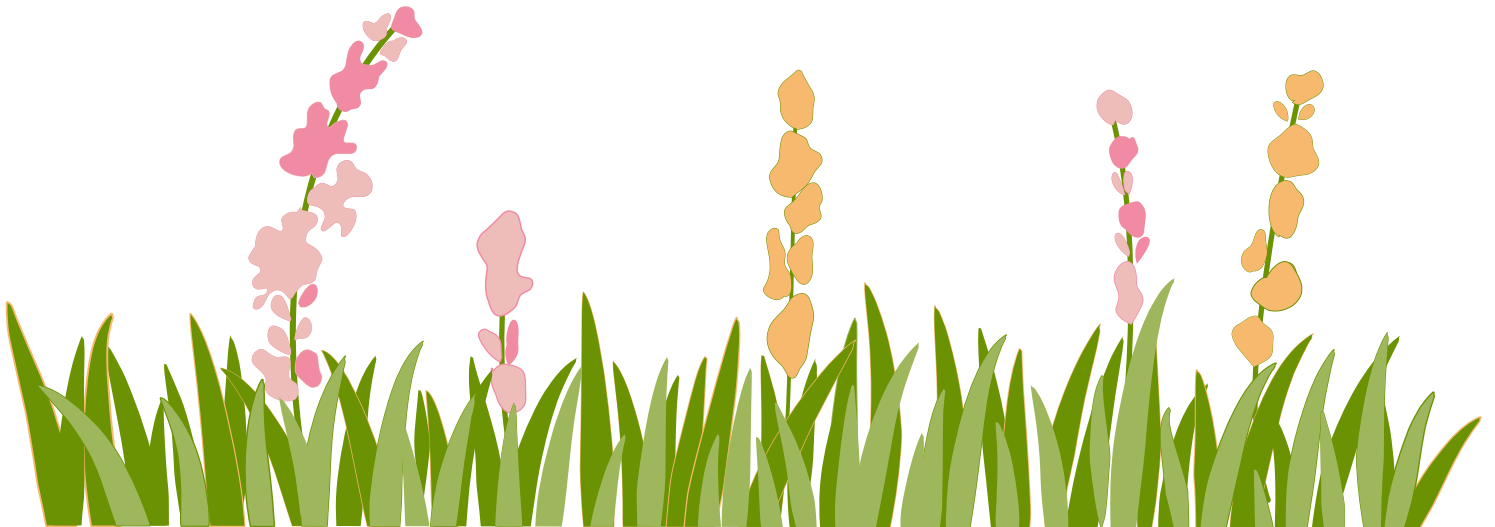
Orthodox Easter, April 12

Also known as Pascha, this is the most significant religious feast in the Orthodox Church, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Often later than Western Easter, due to the use of the Julian calendar and specific calculations relative to Passover. It involves 40 days of fasting (Lent), followed by intense Holy Week services and a joyous feast including magiritsa (soup), sweet bread (tsoureki), and roasted lamb.



Earth Day April 22

This annual recognition is a time when the world comes together to raise awareness about climate change, pollution, endangered species and how to be better caretakers of the planet we call home.



Unionville Home Society

OUR MISSION

Enhancing the experience of aging, one person at a time.

OUR VISION

A progressive community hub where older adults thrive, age well and live better.

OUR VALUES

The Unionville Home Society, in its relationships with others, values and commits itself to:

- Connecting Communities
- Advancing Quality and Innovation
- Caring Genuinely and Passionately
- Respecting Each Person
- Serving with Integrity and Commitment

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Unionville Home Society acknowledges the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe Peoples, the Haudenosaunee Peoples and the Huron Wendat and recognizes their stewardship of the land and its resources. This territory is covered by Treaty 13 and the Williams Treaty and according to the “one dish, one spoon” concept of environmental stewardship, all people living on this land have the responsibility to ensure that the dish will never be empty. All of us at Unionville Home Society take pride in the rich indigenous history of the land and are committed to building a brighter, more honest, more inclusive future where Indigenous perspectives are recognized within Markham’s diverse tapestry of communities.