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# FROM THE EDITOR

It is the end of June and in Stouffville that only means one thing - it's Strawberry Festival time! A favourite annual event since the early '80s, the festival is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year with delicious strawberries, family fun, and lots of community spirit. This edition of OTR features a four-page pullout with a map, and a complete list of the events with times.

This July edition also features the return of Stouffville's legendary writer Jim Thomas. His Roaming Around column has been a staple of community newspapers for decades and now it has a new home in On The Road! Check out his first OTR column on page 26.

Also, the Stouffville fire department is bringing back Home Safe Home, a program that helps keep every household safe. Check out the details on page 20.

There is no OTR in August, but we are back in September. If you have any story ideas, or news or event items you want listed, drop me a note. Happy summer, everyone!

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# Canada 150 Garden Stays; Tank to Museum **Council Approves Veteran Memorials after Extensive Public Consultation**

by Glenn Jackson

This monthly column summarizes recent Whitchurch-Stouffville Council decisions. Subscribe to our eNewsletter for more information: townofws.ca/councilnews

# **Commemorative Spaces**

The Canada 150 Garden is staying where it is. The tank is going to the Museum, and the cenotaph is going to Memorial Park.

That was the decision of Council at the June 5th meeting after being asked to confirm their final locations and whether the Town should accept a donated demilitarized Leopard Tank from the Department of National Defence.

Initially, on December 6th of last year, it was decided to relocate the cenotaph from its current site at the Stouffville Legion on Mostar Street to the southeast corner of Park Drive and Booth Drive in Memorial Park. To enhance this new memorial area, Council also approved the acceptance of the tank, creating a larger space to honour veterans and armed forces members who lost their lives in service.

Following community feedback citing concern over resident input, Council passed a resolution on January 17th directing staff to undertake public consultation with respect to the future design of the memorial. A survey was released on February 29th seeking input. The survey remained open for feedback until April 4th. In total, 1,093 survey responses were received.

Respondents were asked to indicate their preference for the Canada 150 Garden's location, which has been maintained by volunteers from the Stouffville Horticultural Society since 2017. Out of the 1,093 responses, 1,056 participated in this question, with 77.75% (821) supporting the garden's current location at Booth Drive and Park Drive South, suggesting new locations be found for the memorial.

Additionally, feedback was sought on whether the Town should accept the



ABOVE: An artist concept of the Town's cenotaph south of the lawn bowling greens in Memorial Park. On June 5th, Council approved the cenotaph's relocation and the preservation of the Canada 150 Garden at the corner of Booth Drive and Park Drive South. Despite its depiction in the above concept, the demilitarized tank will be installed at the Museum.

donated tank from the Department of National Defence. Of the 1,021 respondents to this question, 69% (704) opposed the Town receiving the tank. For those who considered the tank's acceptance, they were asked about its potential location. Of the 309 responses, 30.74% (95) preferred the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum. 30.10% (93) chose the southeast corner of Booth Drive and Park Drive South, and 18.77% (58) suggested the area south of the current lawn bowling greens near the 19 on the Park parking lot. Moreover, 75.40% (233) agreed that the cenotaph and tank should be displayed together.

Respondents also shared their views on the cenotaph's proposed location concerning the Council's support of the Legion's request to return it to Memorial Park. 44.92% (460) preferred it remain at the Legion, while 33.89% (347) supported its relocation to the Park.

As a result of this engagement, Council decided that the Town will accept the donation of the tank and place it at the Museum. The Canada 150 Garden will remain at Booth Drive and Park Drive, and the cenotaph will be moved to Memorial Park in the area of Burkholder Street and Park Drive, south of the lawn bowling green.

## **COUNCIL CORNERS | ON THE ROAD 3**

## Heritage Districts

As part of the Town's Heritage Conservation District Study, Council designated four new Heritage Districts at the June 5th meeting.

They include Stouffville Centre North Heritage Conservation District (Church Street North including Mill and George Streets); Village Centre South Heritage Conservation District (O'Brien Avenue including Blake and Lloyd Streets); and Stouffville Junction Heritage Conservation District (West Main Street, containing portions of Harold Avenue; Second and Rupert Streets north of Main Street, and Clarke, Victoria and Albert Streets south of Main).

Council also removed the fee associated with heritage permits and delegated the heritage permit approval (for alteration of properties) to staff to streamline the process.

#### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Council meetings are generally 1 p.m. every other Wednesday at Town Hall in Stouffville. Agendas at calendar.townofws.ca/council Listen live: townofws.ca/cmlivestream Live tweets: @ws townhall

Please note: Council will take a brief recess for summer after June 26th, returning September 4th.

# Tranquility and Healing at Springview Wellness

by Michaela Ray

Nestled within the historic downtown of Stouffville, Springview Wellness is a sanctuary for those seeking comprehensive, holistic health care. The clinic offers a diverse range of natural therapies designed to nurture both body and mind. From acupuncture and chiropractic care, to naturopathy, counselling, and massage therapy, Dr. Juan Soto and his team strive to address nearly every health concern. Each treatment plan is meticulously tailored to meet individual needs, ensuring a personalized approach to wellness.

The team of skilled practitioners at the clinic is dedicated to addressing the root causes of health issues, rather than merely alleviating symptoms. This integrative approach blends traditional and contemporary techniques, supporting

the body's innate healing processes. They also emphasize the importance of lifestyle adjustments-diet, exercise, and stress management-as crucial elements of holistic treatment plans.

The tranquil environment at Springview Wellness enhances the healing experience, providing a peaceful retreat from daily stress. Patients can even combine treatments by booking their session in the Salt Cave.

To make treatment more accessible to the community, Springview Wellness direct bills with many extended health careproviders. Whether you seek relief from chronic pain, an improvement in overall health, or a place to unwind, Springview Wellness offers a supportive environment to begin your wellness journey. Learn more at springviewwellness.ca



ABOVE: Dr. Soto sits in Springview Wellness' calming space at 6312 Main Street. Photo by Kira Hassard.

# North Indian Cuisine Arrives in Stouffville Village by Tom Horsley





TOP: Some of the delicious dishes Chilli Coriander has to offer. BOTTOM: Owners Ashu Dhariwal (left) and Vikas Sajwan (right) open their doors in Stouffville.

On May 11th, Chilli Coriander opened its doors to bring Stouffville residents exquisite dishes from North India. Proud owners Ashu Dhariwal and Vikas Sajwan have over 24 years of combined experience as chefs and are excited to bring their first restaurant together to Stouffville. Their signature dishes will bring you back time after time, including tandoori chicken, butter chicken, and coconut curry chicken. They also offer a delicious Indian drink called mango lassi, naan bread, and kabobs fresh out of a clay oven, as well as Indo Chinese options!

Ashu and Vikas welcome everyone to their restaurant and would love to serve you, your family, and friends. Chilli Coriander is open six days a week from 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. (closed on Tuesdays) and is conveniently located across from the Main Street GO Station. To order takeout or enquire about catering for up to 100 people, please call (315) 544-1997.

# Looking for Talent?

The University of Waterloo has thousands of students in Stouffville and York Region who are available for co-op all year round!

Students from over 120 undergraduate programs are available to work full-time from January to April, May to August, or September to December. The University of Waterloo charges no fees to work with these students-the only cost is the hourly pay rate to the student. There are funding options available through the University, which may be able to support hiring one of these talented students.

For more information, contact John Mitri, Stouffville resident and Business Developer, GTA East at john.mitri@uwaterloo.ca

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## 6 ON THE ROAD | WHAT'S ON



As summer unfolds. Memorial Park comes alive with the sights and sounds of Stouffville's much anticipated and award-winning summer events.

# Canada Day Fireworks · July 1

Kick off July with a bang by joining us in Memorial Park on Monday, July 1st for Canada Day Fireworks. Festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with Blackboard Blues Band taking the stage. There will be a variety of food trucks onsite, and fireworks will close off the celebrations at 9:30 p.m.

# Symphony Under the Stars • July 19

On July 19th, Symphony Under the Stars will take place in Memorial Park from 7 - 10 p.m., with the concert beginning at 8 p.m. This magical evening will transform the park into an openair concert, where the sounds of orchestral classics and pop favourites fill the air. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy this free concert by Kindred Spirits Orchestra. Food and beverages from local vendors will be available for purchase. In the event of bad weather, the event will be moved to July 20th.

# Movies in the Park · July 26 & August 16

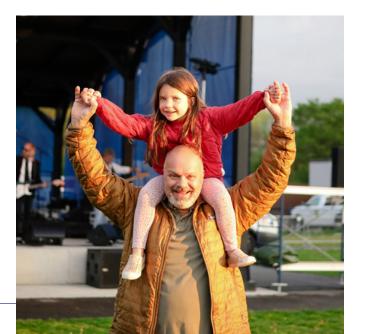
Movies in the Park returns to Memorial Park! This summer's featured movies include Kung Fu Panda 4 on July 26th and Wonka on August 16th. Grab your picnic blanket and get ready to snack on some of the sweet treats that will be available for purchase. Movies begin at sundown (approximately 9 p.m.). Pre-registration is not required.

# Ribfest · August 9 - 11

As August arrives, so does Stouffville's largest award-winning event: Stouffville Ribfest! From August 9th to 11th, Memorial Park will be filled with the irresistible aroma of barbecue as the rib teams serve up their award-winning ribs! This three-day event is a paradise for food lovers with a variety of food options and local breweries! Spend the weekend checking out the vendor marketplace, playing in the kids' zone, and singing along with an impressive lineup of live musical performances. This year's Saturday night performances will begin with the legendary Maestro Fresh Wes followed by the event's headliner: country star Tebey!







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# Fusion Fest • July 13 A Mediterranean Celebration in Stouffville

Stouffville is gearing up for an extraordinary celebration of food, music, and culture with the highly anticipated Scotiabank Stouffville Fusion Fest: Taste of the Mediterranean. Proudly presented by the Rita Chemilian Team and NLI Solutions, this vibrant event takes place on Saturday, July 13th, from 11 a.m. -11 p.m. at Memorial Park. Admission is free, allowing everyone to enjoy captivating performances and a dynamic mix of music and dance.

The festival will also showcase a variety of Mediterranean food, including gyro, souvlaki, spanakopita, authentic pizza, arancini, and veal sandwiches. Parents and children can explore bouncy castles and take part in other fun activities at the Kids' Zone.

Renowned artists Karl Wolf, Claudio Santaluce, Armando, and Stavros Kanichis will deliver high-energy performances celebrating the rich musical traditions of the Mediterranean, creating an unforgettable atmosphere for all ages. The night will conclude with DJDBG spinning Eurofreestyle dance music. This lineup offers an exciting overview of the latest Mediterranean music scene including folk and blues, Italian pop, Greek folk, rock, and hip-hop. Tony Monaco from Z103.5 will be the MC for the evening portion of the festival, starting at 5:00 p.m.

For more information, visit stouffvillefest.ca and follow @stouffvillefest on Facebook, TikTok, and Instagram.

# **IFGION EVENTS**

#### JULY 13 Lip-smacking BBQ Bonanza

Get ready for an evening of delicious food, engaging company, and community spirit at the Legion's Barbecue on Saturday, July 13th. Starting at 4:30 p.m. in the Legion Centre parking lot, enjoy a delicious meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, and various sides.

The highlight of the evening is the opportunity to meet Fire Chief Bill Snowball and his dedicated crew, along with surprise appearances by local dignitaries. For just \$15, enjoy great food and festivities while connecting with fellow community members. In case of rain, the event will move to the banquet hall.



# Annual Antique & Classic Car Show • August 11

Car enthusiasts and families alike won't want to miss the 51st annual and award-winning Antique & Classic Car Show on Sunday, August 11th, at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum & Community Centre. This highly anticipated event will showcase hundreds of vintage vehicles, offering a unique glimpse into automotive history. Visitors can enjoy delicious food from various vendors and engaging children's activities, making it a perfect day out for all ages. Explore the Museum's historic buildings and immerse yourself in the nostalgia of classic cars. Whether you're a car owner or a spectator, this event promises a fun-filled, memorable experience.

Visit townofws.ca/carshow to learn more.

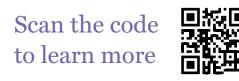
#### SEPT 21 Senior Wellness Fair

Join the Legion on Saturday, September 21st, from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. for a vibrant and informative Senior Wellness Fair. This free event is packed with engaging demonstrations, exciting giveaways, and informative trade shows. Enjoy refreshments at the cash bar and a hot cup of tea while attending various workshops that provide valuable insights on health and wellbeing. Take this opportunity to ask questions and learn about health resources to protect yourself and enhance your quality of life. For more details, email rochellestouffvillelegion@rogers.com.

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# **Celebrating Student Success**

by Brandi Pickering



The York Region District School Board (YRDSB) recently hosted its annual Celebrating Student Success ceremony, which recognizes the exceptional achievements of its students.

This year's event highlighted the accomplishments of 16 outstanding students who have demonstrated remarkable dedication, leadership, and commitment to their communities and education.

Among the award recipients in this category were two exceptional students from Stouffville: Alina Dharamshi and Sonia Tang.



ABOVE: Sixteen outstanding students were honoured at the YRDSB's annual Celebrating Student Success dinner ceremony on May 1st. Photo from YRDSB.ca.

## Sonia Tang · Oscar Peterson Public School

Sonia Tang is a dedicated and proactive student at Oscar Peterson Public School. During the COVID-19 pandemic when students could not play wind instruments at school, she independently took French horn lessons on her own time so she could join the intermediate band. Sonia is also a committed volunteer, contributing her time to restocking shelves at the Stouffville Food Pantry and preparing and serving meals to the less fortunate through her church group. Additionally, she supports her peers through tutoring and accompanies the junior/ intermediate choir on the piano.

# Alina Dharamshi · Stouffville District SS

Alina Dharamshi is a natural leader within the Stouffville District Secondary School community. Currently serving as the Vice President of the student council, she has taken significant strides from her previous role as Social Representative on the 2022 - 2023 council. Alina leads a school-wide weekly executive meeting to plan, communicate, and execute school activities. Her academic achievements are equally impressive, achieving honour roll status in grades 9 and 10, and on track to do so again in grade 11.

New this year, the YRDSB's Human Rights Office introduced the inaugural Human Rights Ambassador Award, recognizing secondary school students who have significantly contributed to promoting human rights, equality, diversity, inclusion, and anti-discrimination within their schools.

# Skylissa Gray · Stouffville District SS

Skylissa Gray has taken on prominent roles in various clubs, including serving as president of the Afro-Caribbean Student Alliance. She represents the Black caucus as a student. She elevates the voices of her peers, advocating fiercely for students and staff. Skylissa's leadership and activism have made her school a more inclusive community. Her drive inspires her classmates, and her enthusiasm and generosity are evident in all her efforts.

# Nominations for the **Community Impact Awards** are now open!

The Community Impact Awards, presented by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Legacy Fund, celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of Whitchurch-Stouffville residents and business owners whose distinctive contributions to our community have elevated both the spirit and quality of life in our town. Residents can now nominate a fellow community member who they believe has achieved the highest standards of excellence or made an extraordinary impact in one the areas of health, sustainability, connectivity, creativity, or prosperity.

For more information and to submit a nomination, visit townofws.ca/cia



ABOVE: 2023 Community Impact Award winner Diane Ward (left) with 2022 winner Saanvi Tonse. Photo by Jeff Boadway.





ABOVE: Skylissa Gray receiving recognition from Mayor lain Lovatt at the June 5th Council Meeting

# Join MPP Paul Calandra for a **Community BBQ**

Date: August 17th 12-2:30 PM Location: Stouffville Memorial Park- 2 Park Dr, Whitchurch-Stouffville, ON L4A 4K1

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# Stouffville Rugby Stars Played for Canada During Spanish Tour by Jim Mason



ABOVE: (Left) Taylor McKnight, photo from University of Guelph Athletics. (Right) Aurora Bowie, photo by Greg Kolz,

Two Stouffville women represented Canada internationally this month. Aurora Bowie and Taylor McKnight were named to the Canada Selects national rugby team that played two matches in Spain.

They were on the 28-member squad that faced a Spanish team June 9th in Elche and June 15th in Villajoyosa.

Bowie, a back and three-time U SPORTS Academic All-Canadian is entering her fifth year playing and studying at the University of Ottawa. She begins her master's in psychology this fall.

She entered Bill Crothers Secondary School as a soccer player but transitioned to rugby in Grade 10. Selected to play for her country on two other occasions, she couldn't due to injury or another commitment.

McKnight, who plays forward at the University of Guelph, is a two-time First Team U SPORTS All-Canadian. She's a bio-medical science major.

The Stouffville District Secondary School grad was featured in OTR last fall after representing Canada on the national U20 team.

Players were selected to the Selects roster through a series of regional and inter-provincial matches across Canada.

The tour "was an important development opportunity, with players gaining valuable international test match experience and training with coaching staff from the senior national team," according to a Rugby Canada release.

# A New Home for Childcare Excellence by Cassandra Papas

The Town of Stouffville is thrilled to announce the arrival of a much-needed modular daycare facility. Recently approved unanimously by Council, this initiative marks a significant step in meeting the childcare needs of our growing community.

Previously part of a development project in Mississauga, this five-year-old modular facility will be relocated to Stouffville in the coming months. It will provide up to 82 new daycare spots, addressing the increasing demand for childcare in our vibrant town.

Located at the Stouffville Clippers Sports Complex, the daycare will be managed by a third-party provider, with operational support from the Town of Stouffville. A Request for Proposal will soon be issued to select the best operator to ensure the highest standards of care. The facility's setup is scheduled to begin this summer, promising high-quality early childhood education and care.

Mayor Iain Lovatt shared Council's excitement: "This daycare facility acquisition offers significant benefits to our community. All of Council is excited about this opportunity, which addresses our urgent need for more childcare options and promises to enhance our town's financial health through sustained revenue."



ABOVE: The modular daycare facility that will be relocating to Stouffville.

This new facility represents more than just additional daycare spots; it is a testament to Stouffville's dedication to improving the quality of life for its residents.

This facility also aligns with the province of Ontario's commitment to making childcare more accessible and affordable.By providing high-quality childcare services, Stouffville supports families' immediate needs and invests in the community's future.



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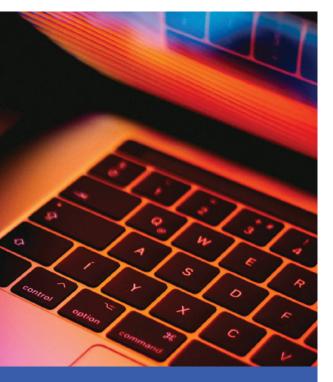
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# **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

# Welcome to the 2024 Whitchurch-Stouffville Strawberry Festival!!!!

The festival is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year and we are looking forward to bringing the community another exciting event. We are grateful for the support from the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. We have had the pleasure of working with Mayor lain Lovatt, town council and staff members to make sure this event will be one of the best yet.

## Some exciting new things this year:

All aboard the Strawberry Express Town Trolley! A free tour of local berry picking farms.

Leave the car at home- First Student Bus service will be operating as a complimentary transit service with various pick-up points around town.

Take me out to the ball game! We're excited to host a few baseball games in partnership with the WSSA and The Stouffville Baseball Association (Yankees).

There will be a lot of past favourite activities and entertainers too. Check out our website for a full list of events.

This year the Town and its staff will be hosting the Canada Day celebrations including the annual Firework extravaganza on Monday, July 1st.

The 40th anniversary of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Strawberry Festival will be a spectacular event. We hope to see you there.

Mike Burns President

2024 Whitchurch-Stouffville Strawberry Festival

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# **EVENT SCHEDULE FRIDAY**

Latcham Hall	
Food & Beverage Zone	
Festival Pub	
First Student Bus Service	

Festival Opening Ceremonies featuring First Nations Dedication, NFSL Lion Dance Group, Citizen, Sports Person and Music Town Ontario award, and award ceremony for Gladys Clarkson Baking Contest awards.

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Bike Parking Corrals	9:00 AM	Near Info Booth
Information Booth	9:00 AM	Memorial Park
Water Station	9:00 AM	Memorial Park
First Aid Station	9:00 AM	Memorial Park
Festival Market	9:00 AM	Park Drive and Burkholder St
Strawberry Express Trolley Bus Tour	9:00 AM	Park Drive pickup
The Food & Beverage Zone	9:00 AM	Between festival Market and the Bandshell
Festival Pub	11:00 AM	Main Stage Area
DooDoo the Clown	10:00 AM	Memorial Park
Kids Inflatables and Activities	11:00 AM	Picnic Shelter
Kids Activities/Craft Station	11:00 AM	Picnic Shelter
Pony Rides	11:00 AM	Sangsters Grove/Picnic Shelter
Picnic in the Park	10:30 AM	Ball Diamond
Sandy Stronach's Red Berry Cafe	12:00 PM	Latcham Hall
Community Church Service	9:30 AM	Festival Main Stage (Bandshell)
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# Behind the Scenes of Stouffville's Budget Process

The Town of Stouffville is inviting residents and business owners to participate in the Town budget process. We believe informed and engaged community members are key to creating a budget that truly reflects our town's needs and priorities. Join us on this journey, starting with understanding how our budget is crafted.

### **Budget Development**

The process includes reviewing historical data and previous studies and plans. This ensures the budget aligns with current services, population growth, legislation, and inflation. Creating a budget is a detailed process involving months of planning and collaboration amongst various departments. Careful planning helps us maintain fiscal responsibility while upholding the highest levels of service excellence.

### **Key Dates and Milestones**

- **April 2024:** Process began with Council approving the budget timeline.
- **June 2024:** The budget kick-off began as departments received operating budget guidelines.
- **July 2024:** Departments submit their draft operating budgets and business cases. Capital budget guidelines are distributed, and capital budget intake begins.
- August 2024: The finance team, Treasurer, and CAO review the operating budget and business cases through three rigorous rounds. Departments submit their draft capital budgets.
- **September 2024:** The operating budget is reviewed for the fourth time, followed by the capital budget review. Council approves the 2025 Fees and Charges and receives a report on budget direction.
- **October 2024:** Final reviews of both the operating and capital budgets will be conducted by the Senior Leadership Team.
- **November 2024:** The Mayor presents the approved budget; Council deliberates and approves the operating and capital budgets, including water and wastewater rates.

# EXPANDING CIVIC SQUARE: Stouffville's Heartbeat for Community and Heritage

In an inspiring display of community spirit, Stouffville residents gathered for a public open house workshop to discuss the enhancement of Civic Square in April. This project promises to create a dynamic, engaging accessible hub in downtown Stouffville, reflecting the collective aspirations and needs of our vibrant town.



The Town of Stouffville is thrilled to unveil its plans for expanding Civic Square. By acquiring the property at 6343 Main Street, adjacent to the existing square, the town is adding 400 m<sup>2</sup> (4,316 sq. ft) of space.

Central to this enhancement is input from Stouffville's community members. Council and town staff invite everyone to help shape the future of Civic Square. Feedback on the draft design is crucial, as community insights will help craft a space that truly embodies the collective vision.

The expansion of Civic Square focuses on several key design objectives:

### Creating a Welcoming Environment

The aim is to develop a space that is vibrant, safe, and comfortable for everyone, with security measures, shaded areas, comfortable seating, and accessible pathways.

### Celebrating Our Heritage

The design will honour Stouffville's cultural history by preserving heritage elements and integrating Indigenous art and educational spaces.

#### Fostering Community Identity

The expanded square will be a hub for arts, culture, festivals, and events, showcasing the town's diversity and fostering community engagement.

### **Enhancing Connectivity**

The plan is to improve walkability and add amenities to make the square more pedestrian-friendly and accessible.

The workshop held on April 24th at 19 on the Park, brought residents together to share their visions and priorities for the new Civic Square. Key points included the importance of security, comfort, natural elements, and community-friendly features. Preserving heritage and fostering community identity were also highlighted as essential.

As Stouffville continues to grow, expanding Civic Square offers a unique opportunity for residents to shape the transformation of the downtown core. The town eagerly anticipates the community's participation and input, ensuring the new Civic Square truly reflects the spirit and needs of Stouffville.

For more information about the project visit townofws.ca/civicsquare

# First Line of Defence:



# Stouffville Fire Department Brings Back Program to Keep Every Household Safe

In a town where community spirit thrives, Stouffville Fire & Emergency Services proudly reintroduces the *Home Safe Home* initiative, a program dedicated to ensuring the safety of every household. This comprehensive program offers free home fire safety assessments available year-round, equipping residents with the knowledge and tools necessary to prevent fire-related tragedies.

The essence of *Home Safe Home* lies in its proactive approach. This summer, Stouffville firefighters will be hitting the streets, knocking on doors to spread the word and conduct on-the-spot fire safety assessments. These visits aim to ensure that every home is equipped with working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and that every family has a well-planned home escape route in case of an emergency.



ABOVE: Stouffville firefighters conduct in-home visits to check for working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms as part of the *Home Safe Home* program.

"Our goal with the *Home Safe Home* initiative is to ensure that every household in Stouffville is equipped with the necessary tools and knowledge to protect themselves in the event of a fire emergency," shares Fire Chief Bill Snowball. "By offering free assessments and engaging with our community directly, we hope to make a meaningful impact on home fire safety."

Launched over ten years ago and revamped in 2019, *Home Safe Home* has continually evolved to better serve the community. The improvements are data-driven, based on previous years' experiences, and aim to address the specific needs of Stouffville residents. In 2022, the province saw the highest number of fire fatalities in over two decades, many of which could have been prevented if the homes were equipped with operational smoke alarms.

Last year alone, the initiative reached 2,246 homes, testing alarms, educating residents on essential fire safety practices, and providing fire safety information. This year, from May to September, firefighters will be more visible in neighbourhoods, actively conducting door-to-door assessments. This personalized outreach not only enhances safety but also strengthens the bond between the fire services team and the community they serve.



A vital aspect of *Home Safe Home* is its accessibility. The program's webpage features translation services and intuitive graphics, ensuring that every resident, regardless of language or literacy barriers, can understand and benefit from the program.

Visit **townofws.ca/homesafehome** to learn more and to schedule a free home fire safety assessment.

### **SMOKE ALARMS**



- Replace batteries annually or when the low battery alert sounds
- Test monthly
- Replace every 10 years
- Install outside sleeping areas and on every level
- Install in every bedroom in home built post-2014
- · Replace hardwired with equivalent

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- Check batteries annually
- Test monthly
- Replace every 5 7 years
- Install near sleeping areas

#### HOME ESCAPE PLANS



- Design and rehearse together
- Find two ways out of every room
- Identify safe meeting place
- Never re-enter building

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# York Region Provides \$1 Million Funding for ventureLAB

by Glenn Jackson

York Region has reinforced its commitment to economic development, innovation, and talent growth with a fouryear, \$1 million funding agreement with *ventureLAB*, the Region's Innovation Centre.

According to York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson, economic vitality is a strategic priority, and the ongoing partnership with *ventureLAB* is a crucial investment in the Region's economy. *ventureLAB* has demonstrated substantial success in supporting entrepreneurial programs and services, particularly within the technology and small business sectors.

This funding agreement aligns with York Region's 2024 – 2027 Economic Development Action Plan, which aims to foster an environment conducive to entrepreneurship and innovation,

ABOVE: (Left to right) Councillor Rick Upton, Garth Lo (president,

(chairman, Mon Sheong Foundation), Councillor Maurice Smith.

Mon Sheong Foundation), Mayor lain Lovatt, Tim Kwan

thereby driving economic progress. Under this agreement, York Region will provide *ventureLAB* with an annual contribution of \$250,000. Of this amount, \$150,000 will support existing programs and services, such as helping founders secure investment, attract and retain talent, and bring technology to market. The remaining \$100,000 will be allocated to the York Region Entrepreneurship and Innovation Fund, which *ventureLAB* administers to promote entrepreneurship and stimulate innovation.

*ventureLAB*-supported companies have generated over 2,500 new jobs in Canada, with 800 of those in York Regionalone. In 2023, York Region-based companies supported by *ventureLAB* generated over \$79 million in revenue. The Entrepreneurship and Innovation

# Mon Sheong Foundation Celebrates 60 Years by Tom Horsley

On Wednesday, March 20th, Mon Sheong Foundation proudly celebrated its 60th anniversary at the Mon Sheong Stouffville Long Term Care Centre. Mayor Iain Lovatt, Councillor Rick Upton, and Councillor Maurice Smith were joined by community partners, donors, corporate representatives, and other government officials to commemorate this significant milestone. "In 1064, sociang the lack of ears for

"In 1964, seeing the lack of care for many elderly Chinese workers in the community, our founder, Reverend Ron Con, partnered with a group of committed Chinese philanthropists to lfast vision of caring for the elderly and

establish Mon Sheong Foundation, with a steadfast vision of caring for the elderly and nurturing the young," says Mon Sheong Foundation President Garth Low.

Mon Sheong's first Chinese school opened in 1968, and in 1969 they formed a Youth group. After ten years of planning and preparation, a seniors' home was established in 1975. It was the first nursing home in Ontario for the Chinese community. Thanks to the support of the community, Mon Sheong has grown to four long-term care facilities, three Chinese schools, two private care centres, two community and volunteer service centres, and three Mon Sheong Court senior apartments.

Mon Sheong is not stopping and continues to move full speed ahead to meet demand. Markham Buttonville Mon Sheong Court senior apartments are scheduled to be completed in 2025. With an expected completion date in 2026, two new long-term care centres will open; one in Stouffville and one in Markham.

Learn more and join in on the celebrations by visiting **MonSheong.com**.

## **BUSINESS NEWS | ON THE ROAD 23**

Fund has supported 52 innovative organizations, including early-stage start-ups, accelerators, incubators, and community partners. Additionally, *ventureLAB* secured an extra \$4.5 million in 2023 from the Government of Canada through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario to expand the Hardware Catalyst Initiative. Since its launch in 2020, this initiative has received around \$20 million in investments from various government levels, including \$1.5 million from York Region.

For more information about *ventureLAB* and its initiatives, visit **venturelab.ca**. Details on economic development in York Region and resources for business growth can be found at **YorkLink.ca**.

Borlak Law Acquires Wills and Estates Services of Button, Armstrong, and Ness

Borlak Law is pleased to announce that they have acquired the Wills and Estates practice formerly carried out by the lawyers of Button, Armstrong, and Ness LLP.

Former clients of Button, Armstrong and Ness, can reach out to Borlak at 905-642-6661 with any questions, including the locating of documentation.

Borlak Law looks forward to continuing to provide excellent personalized service for all Wills and Estate needs, as well as their other services in corporate, commercial, and real estate matters.

# Join the **Summer Sunday** Stouffville Stroll

Where Community, Shopping and **Fun Meet on Downtown Main Street!** 

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Every Sunday from July through August, immerse yourself in the vibrant charm of downtown Main Street Stouffville from 11am to 3pm. The Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce invites you to stroll, shop, sip, and savour the best of what our local downtown Main Street businesses have to offer. From unique local shops and artisans to delightful eateries and drink spots, there's something for everyone.

# Shop Local, **Eat Local**

Support your favorite downtown Main Street businesses and discover new ones.

# **Fun for All Ages**

Enjoy downtown Main Street's local parks, sports fields, trails. and playgrounds.

# Make it a Tradition

Bring friends, family and pets for a memorable Sunday outing.

Don't miss this chance to breathe summer life into our downtown Main Street and strengthen our community bonds. See you every week at the Summer Sunday Stouffville Stroll!

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# **ROAMING** A ROUND with Jim Thomas



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# A Career Continues

It's good to be back.

After 65 years of 'Roaming Around' via The Tribune and the Sun-Tribune, I've been accepted by Editor-in-chief, Glenn Jackson and the On the Road magazine team, to Roam Around Stouffville again. It's a privilege.

I'm re-introducing myself. I'm actually a Markham boy, arriving here with my blushing bride in 1959, both fresh from farm up-bringing. I was 30 and Jean 26.

Prior to this epic move, I attended Markham High School, graduating in 1949, following two gruelling years in what was then Fifth Form and later Grade 13. But not anymore. Fortunately, for today's students, the latter has been abolished.

I vividly recall principal Bert Newell, then the principal at Markham High, standing before the Third Form class and asking each student what career he or she intended to follow after college or university.

"What about you, Thomas?" he asked (all boys were then addressed by their last names). "What do you plan to do with vour life?

"I want to be a writer," I answered, shaking in my shoes.

"A writer, eh," he replied, "and where do you intend to write, and what do you intend to write about?"

"Anywhere," I said, "hopefully with a newspaper, daily or weekly."

"I see," he replied, "then I'd advise you to enroll in our typing and shorthand class."

He was right, but I declined, since almost all commercial students were girls.

This errant decision forced me to attend a Toronto business college after graduation, a disappointment, but necessary.

So, what then?

For an entire day I walked the streets of Toronto with a *Globe and Mail* classified ad page tucked under one arm. But no luck.

"Sorry, son," each company manager replied, "the position you're looking for has already been filled."

Disappointed, I headed home, but before leaving, I took one last look at my then tattered ad page. And there it was - a Help Wanted advertisement posted by the T. Eaton Company's Mail Order Exchange. I ran back two blocks, arriving only a few minutes before the building's closing. The receptionist welcomed me saying, "I know why you're here." She summoned the manager.

"You can begin tomorrow," he said, "be here at 8 a.m." He then announced my starting salary at \$15 a week. I was so pleased I couldn't wait to relay the good news to my parents.

I remained at *Eaton*'s only six months because my mother could see no future for me there. "Go back to school, to business college and learn typing and shorthand," she urged. For financial assistance, she returned an electric kettle I'd given her as a Christmas gift and the money regained was used to pay a first month's tuition fee. After that, I was on my own.

Eight months later it was my good fortune to pick up a copy of the Stouffville Tribune and see an ad that read: 'Wanted, a part-time sports reporter, mainly to cover baseball and hockey games'. Immediately, I hitchhiked the distance and applied, was interviewed, and hired. My wage was \$10 a week plus an additional \$5 dollars for use of my father's car. The year was 1949.

Since I was still attending business college, I found it necessary to hitchhike from Langstaff (Yonge St. and Hwy 7) to Stouffville, then return home later the same night.

Covering summer baseball was fine because the weather was warm, but for hockey, the weather was cruel.

On one occasion, following a hockey game in Collingwood, I thumbed a ride via Hwy 48. It was bitterly cold with little traffic. So, I walked the distance, about 10 miles, arriving back at the farm around 6 a.m., in time to help with the morning chores.

On another occasion, I hitchhiked to Stouffville without having supper and with only 15 cents in my pocket, I purchased an ice cream cone at the Mayfair Restaurant. This delicacy was sufficient to tie me over until breakfast.

It was the spring of 1951 that Tribune publisher Charles Nolan offered me a permanent position on the newspaper staff. By then, my salary at Eaton's had risen to \$30 a week. I requested the same wage on my new job and Mr. Nolan agreed. I then purchased my first car, a pre-war 1942 Chevrolet. While held together with rust, the Chevy served me well, clocking more than 15,000 miles. Two years later I traded it in for a 1950 Meteor coupe, one of the best ever owned.

During the fall of 1954, my newspaper career took a sudden turn - for the better.With money saved, I purchased a new car and a new camera. The car cost \$2,500 and the camera \$200.

With the car and the camera, Nolan granted me a free hand. And I took advantage of every opportunity, covering stories and taking photos at one time during assignments.

Soon, five area police departments heard of my availability, and summoned assistance. So also did the Toronto Telegram and the Globe and Mail. For the police, I charged \$1 a picture. A front page photo in either the Tely or the Globe, would pay up to \$100. I received emergency calls all hours of the day and night. When necessary, I was allowed to sleep over in police offices, then head for the city with my film the next morning. It was the most exciting time in my life.

Unfortunately, this lucrative living ended in 1972 when all York's police forces went Regional and later, the Tely closed its doors.

Following 45 years at both The Tribune, the Markham Economist and Sun and the Sun-Tribune, I retired, but not from column-writing. I continued this interest until August, 2023.

But is a comeback possible? Only time (my time), will tell.

# **TSN'S MARK ROE HAPPY TO** CALL STOUFFVILLE HOME

Latest in long line of sports media figures to live here

It's mid-morning inside the Main Street Bakehouse and the guy seated across from me could be any young Stouffville dad: ball cap, t-shirt, shorts and sneakers, grabbing a weekday coffee.

A few hours earlier, the dude was more nattily attired while deftly narrating clips from the Stanley Cup, PWHA and NBA playoffs to a nation thirsty for its late-night/early-morning highlights.

Meet Mark Roe, TSN SportsCentre anchor, husband, father of two, dog owner and proud Stouffville resident.

Roe, 40 is a Hamilton native who studied broadcasting while captaining the volleyball team at what's now Toronto Metropolitan University.



ABOVE: Mark Roe, his wife Amanda, children Luke and Avery, and dog Rudy in Stouffville Memorial Park.

He entered the sports media business at age 14 while interning at *TSN* on Michael Landsberg's Off The Record program. Roe gives major props to his aunt, Helen Lebeau, a TSN editor who helped launch the network, who made the internship happen.

"Jackie Chan was the guest that first day," Roe recalls. "The next day wasn't as much fun."

But Roe discovered the career he wanted to chase.

Stouffville residents may remember Roe's first job out of university: four years at the CTV station in Barrie, covering the Ontario Hockey League Colts, high school sports and other high-end athletes from York Region and Simcoe County.

Next came three seasons at the NHL Network in Toronto, before the operation moved to New Jersey - without Roe and other Canadian announcers.

"That's the first time I was up at night thinking, 'What am I doing? I have a mortgage to pay'," Roe recalls. "Luckily I didn't have kids then."

"Within two months I went from being on the ice when the Blackhawks were winning the Stanley Cup and on top of the world to ... Reality hit pretty hard."

"But everything works out for a reason. I'm happier to be where I am now. It forced me to develop some other skills that have kept me alive in this business." Versatility has to be high on that list.

SportsCentre aside, Roe may be best known for his work covering tennis, particularly the U.S. Open. But the week we spoke he was hosting World Hockey Championships broadcasts and preparing to work CFL games and the Paris Olympics. He's also done his share of TSN radio since joining the network.

"I like being able to jump around between four or five different sports and do SportsCentre," he said.

His wife Amanda is a teacher who worked at Stouffville District Secondary School. Their children have birthdays in August. Luke will turn 2 and Avery 1. While house shopping in York

Region four years ago, they "fell in love" with Stouffville.

"I love the fact that it's a little slower paced," said Roe, who occasionally gets recognized, particularly at GoodLife Fitness on Main St. "We can walk to downtown and Memorial Park. And we love our neighbours. Never a regret."

# **SportsTown** with JIM MASON



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# MEDIA CENTRE

Stouffville has a history as home to nationally known on-air sports media figures:

- Sportsnet insider Jeff Marek • regularly mentions Stouffville during his national NHL show and podcast.
- Stouffville native Jermain Franklin moved back home in 2019 following 17 years as TSN's Calgary correspondent after taking a SportsCentre anchor role. SportsCentre is all-Stouffville when Franklin and Roe team up.
- Rod Black and his family live in rural Stouffville. The former TSN anchor is still active in the industry.
- Radio and TV host Mike (Rehill) Richards.
- John Wells, who helped • pioneer a then fledgling TSN, lived in north Stouffville.
- Don Martin, called Stouffville home while reporting on Toronto sports for Global and CBC TV.





# **Olympic Dreams Getting Closer!**

You have probably seen performances of various types of Rhythmic Gymnastics as you watch your favourite sports channels and when the Olympics or other major sporting events come around. I am happy to share that Stouffville has its very own International Rhythmic Gymnastics athlete.

Working out of three different gyms in Aurora, Newmarket, and Markham, Stouffville resident Angelica Hing trains 25 hours a week to hone her artistry and physical agility. I met with Angelica and her mom Tanna recently to get a glimpse into the life of a very busy gymnast! A student at Whitchurch Highlands Public School, Angelica is active in other areas as well including holding the position of captain of the volleyball team, she competes in crosscountry running and plays in two school bands-Concert Band and Jazz Band, while maintaining top academic grades.

After a full day of school, it's off to train at one the above-mentioned facilities for 4-5 hours per day. She has Sundays off but those are often taken up by one of the many competitions she and her teammates participate in. When asked, she couldn't remember all the gymnastics meets they've been at already this year, there have been so many.

The team has remained the top-ranking Canadian Junior team and won bronze at the last international competition in Greece where the podium has historically been dominated by European nations, so getting a medal there was a huge breakthrough for

this team. You can see by the photo that their hard work and commitment to the sport has paid off, look at those medals!

In May of this year at the Canadian Championships in Quebec, Angelica and teammates won gold in all three categories they competed in. They were competing against the best of the best athletes in the country. Prior to that they won gold at the Easterns Competition in Montreal. By doing so well, they earned a spot to compete at the Pan American Championships in Guatemala, a once in a lifetime opportunity to compete against some of the best gymnasts in the Americas. I am excited to share they won a Bronze Medal in Guatemala; the news came in just in time to make it into this column.

Rhythmic gymnastics is an Olympic sport and is known for the use of five apparatuses: clubs, hoop, ribbon, ball, and rope. The sport combines coordination, agility and artistry with routines of leaps, contortions and dance that flow in sync with music. In group, gymnasts perform exchanges and collaborations. This is a perfect sport to build body awareness, coordination, agility, balance, flexibility, and strength. It builds self-confidence and enhances creativity.

The young gymnasts learn to manage their anxiety and perform under pressure in front of a panel of 20-30 judges and an audience at competitions. Waking up

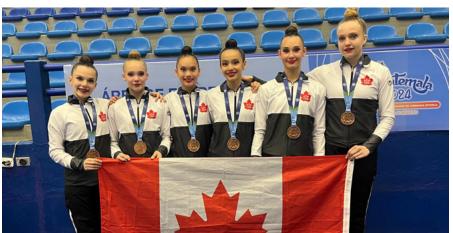
before the sun rises to do their hair and makeup before competitions, when most young girls would rather stay in bed, shows their true commitment and dedication to their sport.

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Angelica began this sport at the age of five and has been participating for nine years. In the fall she heads off to secondary school and a whole new workload of classes, homework, and increased training. She competes in individual categories as well as team events and says working with the clubs is her favourite apparatus. It is nerve wracking watching them maneuver and connect the apparatus into a smooth flowing routine of constant motion. I'm sure all the parents in the crowd issue a huge sigh of relief at the end of each routine. She has her sights set on a career in medicine-which branch she hasn't quite decided yet- but at age 14, she's got some time to figure that out.

Her teammates include Sofie Belova, Natalie Grigore, Martina Ma, Emily Pimenovsky, and Anastasia Sennikov. They are coached by Iana Nadtotchii, who is professionally trained as a gymnast, holds a Master of Sports Certificate in Rhythmic Gymnastics, and trained for three years at the Institute of Culture and Physical Training in Moscow.

Congratulations Angelica and the entire  $team \, of a th letes \, and \, coaches, I \, look \, forward$ to seeing you in the Olympics!



From left to right: Emily Pimenovsky, Sofie Belova, Martina Ma, Angelica Hing, Natalie Grigore, Anastasia Sennikov celebrate their bronze victory in Greece.

# **COOKING OVER COALS**

I love cooking over an open flame and charcoal. Cooking a whole chicken and roasting vegetables over charcoal is a great grilling experience that brings out the rich, smoky flavours unique to this method. I recently visited a family friend's farm, got a couple fresh free range chickens, and couldn't think of a better way to prepare them. Here's how I prepared a delicious whole chicken accompanied by roasted vegetables.

#### **Preparing the Chicken**

Start by choosing a fresh, whole herbslikerosemary and thyme. Adding chicken, preferably organic or free-range, a splash of balsamic vinegar can also weighing between 4-5 pounds. This size enhance the flavour. is ideal for cooking evenly and will serve about four to six people.

To infuse the chicken with robust flavours, marinate it for at least 4 hours, flavourful marinade includes:

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- Juice of 2 lemons
- · 3-4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp fresh rosemary, chopped
- 1 tbsp fresh thyme, chopped
- 1 tsp smoked paprika
- · Salt and pepper to taste

Combine these ingredients and thoroughly coat the chicken. I use large ziploc bags for the chicken to marinate in the fridge overnight.

#### **Preparing the Vegetables**

Choose a variety of vegetables that roast well and complement the chicken. Good options include:

- Carrots
- Sweet potatoes
- Purple potatoes
- Bell peppers
- Zucchini
- Red onions
- Asparagus
- Broccoli

Cut the vegetables into uniform pieces to ensure even cooking. Toss the

Tips: Maintain a consistent grill temperature by adjusting vents and adding more charcoal as needed. Consider adding wood chips to the charcoal for a subtle smoky taste

vegetables in olive oil, salt, pepper, and

#### Setting Up the Charcoal Grill

I use a chimney starter to light the charcoal as I find it burns more evenly. preferably overnight. A simple, yet Let the coals heat up for about 15 - 20minutes until they are covered with a thin layer of ash.

> For indirect grilling, pour the coals on one side of the grill, creating one side for direct heat and the other for indirect heat. I always use a drip pan filled with a bit of water on the side without coals to prevent flare-ups.

#### **Cooking the Chicken**

Place the chicken on the grill grate over the drip pan, breast side up. Cover the grill, leaving the vents open to maintain airflow and control the temperature. Aim for a grill temperature of about 350°F (175°C). Roast the chicken for about 1.5 - 2 hours, or until the internal temperature reaches 165°F (74°C) when checked in the thickest part of the thigh. Baste the chicken occasionally with the remaining marinade to keep it moist and flavourful.

### Adding the Vegetables

Timing can be tricky, but try to start the vegetables when there is 30 - 40 minutes left on the chicken cook time. Spread your vegetables in a single layer on a flat grill tray.

Turn the vegetables occasionally to ensure they cook evenly and develop a nice char. They should be tender and caramelized after about 30 - 40 minutes.



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### **Ready to Serve**

Once the chicken reaches the desired internal temperature, remove it from the grill and let it rest for 10 - 15 minutes. This allows the juices to redistribute, making for a juicier chicken.

Carve the chicken into portions: start with the legs and thighs, then move to the wings, and finally the breast. Arrange the pieces on a platter.

Arrange the roasted vegetables around the chicken on the platter, creating a visually appealing and delicious spread.

Cooking a whole chicken and roasting vegetables over charcoal is a culinary experience that combines the art of grilling with the joy of outdoor cooking. While the process requires patience and attention, it results in a meal that is rich in flavour and texture, healthy and satisfying.





# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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# **COUNCIL & PUBLIC** PLANNING MEETINGS

Agendas for Council and Public Meetings will be available for review on our website at 12 p.m. the Thursday prior to the meeting.

Council will take a brief recess over the summer, returning on Wednesday, September 11th at 1 p.m.

#### Upcoming Council Meetings:

Wednesday, September 11th – 1 p.m. Wednesday, September 25th – 1 p.m.

#### Upcoming Public Meetings (if required): Wednesday, September 11th – 1 p.m. Wednesday, September 25th – 1 p.m.

Residents may watch the meeting live online at townofws.ca/cmlivestream.

Anyone wishing to submit comments, may write to the Town Clerk at clerks@townofws.ca. Anyone wishing to provide comments may attend the meeting in-person at the Municipal Offices, please contact the Town Clerk at clerks@townofws.ca for more information.

Follow all council meetings on Whitchurch-Stouffville's official council Twitter account @ws townhall.

Join our Council E-Newsletter at: townfws.ca/councilnews and receive meeting agendas and summary reports straight in your inbox.

#### **MORE INFO:** townofws.ca/council

# **ROUGE NATIONAL URBAN** PARK SIGNAGE SURVEY

Stouffville serves as a gateway to Rouge National Urban Park. With the upcoming GO Rail Expansion providing two-way, all-day service from Toronto, Stouffville becomes a key hub for visitors. To enhance access, the Town plans to improve trail links from downtown Stouffville to the park.

In collaboration with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and Entro, the Town is developing wayfinding signage to clearly mark the route. Residents can contribute by giving input on three types of trail signs: trailhead identification, directional signage, and progression markers.

The survey closes in early July. To participate, visit **townofws.ca/rougesigns** 

# **STOUFFVILLE NAMED ONE OF HRD CANADA'S BEST** PLACES TO WORK FOR 2024

The Town of Stouffville is honoured to be included in Human Resources Director Canada's (HRD) list of Best Places to Work *for 2024*. This recognition highlights the Town's commitment to a supportive and equitable work environment that values work-life balance, mental health, and empathetic leadership.

The HRD award acknowledges excellence in employee engagement, average tenure, compensation and benefits, health and wellness programs, diversity initiatives, professional development, and sustainability efforts.

Stouffville gualified through an evaluation process that included an in-depth submission and an employee satisfaction survey.

The Town remains dedicated to continuous improvement, ensuring employees feel valued, supported, and empowered. This achievement celebrates our past efforts and motivates future initiatives to enhance the workplace experience for all employees.

# NOTICE OF PASSING

In accordance with Section 41 of Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18, the Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville decided on June 5th, 2024, to:

Pass By-laws 2024-068-DS, 2024-069-DS, and 2024-070-DS to designate Heritage **Conservation Districts.** 

### **Purpose and Effect:**

These By-laws designate the following Heritage Conservation Districts and implement corresponding District Plans:

- Church Street/Village Centre North · Main Street West/Stouffville Junction
- O'Brien Avenue/Village Centre South

## Filing of Appeal:

Any person may appeal this By-law to the Tribunal within 30 days of this Notice (by June 24, 2024). The notice of appeal must be submitted to the Tribunal and the municipal clerk, detailing the objection and reasons, along with the Tribunal fee.

### Participation in Appeal:

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the appeal hearing unless they made oral or written submissions before the By-law was passed, or the Tribunal finds reasonable grounds for adding them.

### Contact:

For questions, email clerks@townofws. ca or call (905) 640-1900 ext. 2224. For more information, visit townofws.ca/ **NoticeHeritageConservationDistricts** 

# RECREATION

CUSTOMER SERVICE

### Summer Camp 2024 Registration

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There are still spaces available in our summer camps! Participate in swimming, sports, arts, museum, theatre and more! Register at townofws.ca/active

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### **Drowning Prevention Week:**

July 21st - 27th Check our events calendar for upcoming events and more details.

# **19 ON THE PARK**

## 2024 FREE PATIO SERIES!

# Gates open 7 p.m., music starts 8 p.m.

Shows are FREE to attend, and no registration is required. Reserved seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Gates open one hour prior to each performance - arrive early to secure your seat! townofws.ca/events

#### Jazz on the Patio feat. Lady Be Good -July 27, 2024

Enjoy the latest pop hits and classics in the signature style of jazz at this enchanting event with Lady Be Good!

#### 90s on the Patio feat. Big Shiny 90s -August 17, 2024

Dial up your crew, throw on your fave band tee, and relive the nostalgia of 90s alternatives with Big Shiny 90s!

### Registration is open for summer camp at the theatre – some spaces remain! Please visit **townofws.ca/camps** for more information.

# MUSEUM

The Museum is open Wednesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Visit townofws.ca/museum for information on educational tours, rental spaces for events, current exhibits and more.

## Camp Vandorf: Summer Camps at the Museum

July 2 - August 30, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The Museum is proud to once again be offering its popular Summer Camp series, Camp Vandorf! Camp Vandorf provides unique and educational summer fun through arts and crafts, exploration of historic buildings and exhibition galleries, and takes full advantage of the Museum's beautiful green space! Camp available for ages 6 - 12. Nine different themed weeks. For more information and to register, visit townofws.ca/active

#### **Teddy Bear Tea**

Thursday, July 11, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Bring your children and their favourite teddy bears for a fun morning. Enjoy bearthemed activities, including a story, craft, and snack! Children must be accompanied by an adult (adults do not need t purchase tickets to attend this program). Recommended ages 1-7. Pre-registration required online at **townofws.ca/active** using barcode 33074, \$10.00 per child.

# The York Regional Forest, A Growing Legacy – The Exhibition

Now - December 14, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Wednesday to Saturday Celebrating 100 years of the York Regional Forest, York Region has partnered with the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum to bring you an engaging exhibit featuring the history of the forest since 1924. Free admission.

### Standing in the Doorway: Lived Histories and Experiences of the **Chinese Community** May 18 - July 27, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Wednesday to Saturday In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Chinese Exclusion Act (1923), this exhibition tells the story of resistance, resilience, and the many

accomplishments of York Region's residents of Chinese descent.

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## SPRAY PADS NOW OPEN

Open now until mid-September, you can enjoy water-filled adventures from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. at Coultice Park, Madori Neighbourhood Park, Wheeler's Neighbourhood Park, Sunnyridge Neighbourhood Park, Byer's Pond Park, Greenwood Park, and Gar Lehman Park.

For more details, visit townofws.ca/ spravpads

# NOMINATE A HERITAGE PROPERTY

Celebrate our town's incredible built heritage with the Whitchurch-Stouffville Heritage Awards! If you know a property that's been beautifully conserved, restored, or creatively reused, we want to hear about it.

For more information and to nominate a heritage property before July 12, visit townofws.ca/heritageawards.

## **COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE** PROGRAM

Recognize your property's heritage value with our Commemorative Plague Program. Available for both residential and commercial properties, these durable plagues feature the original builder's name, construction date, and Town Crest.

#### How to Apply:

- Complete the Historic Property Plaque Application Form.
- Applications are assessed quarterly by the Heritage Advisory Committee.
- Once approved, staff will contact you with the next steps.

For more information and to apply, visit townofws.ca/heritage or call (905) 727-8954.







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