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The speaker Maryam Golabgir has 18 years of digital marketing expertise in

Telecommunication, E-Commerce, IPTV, A.I. Development, Broadband, renewable energy and Financial industries. She now owns Digital Marketing Experts in the Greater Toronto area.

About the Series

York Small Business Enterprise Centre (YSBEC), Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, and the Town of Stouffville have partnered to present a free business seminar series. The series continues this month (June), then it will pause in July and August, returning in September.

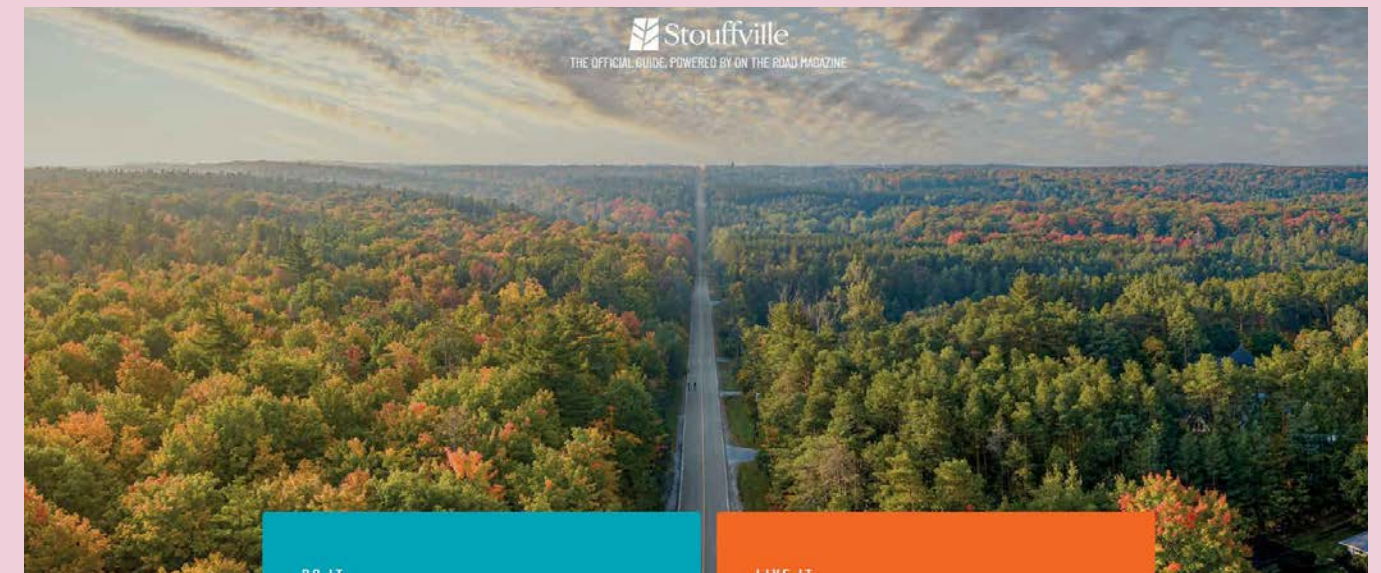
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LIVE IT SHOP

Stouffville has many opportunities for those that like to shop beyond the normal - grocery, appliances, car dealerships and pharmacies - There are woodcrafts, paddleboards, beach



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EXPERIENCE NATURE BETWEEN EARTH AND SKY America's Largest Outdoor Trampoline coming to Treetop Trekking

On May 15 The Trekking Group, holding company of Treetop Trekking, Ontario's Attraction of the Year, announced the June 23rd opening of uplâ in Stouffville. uplâ promises to deliver an extraordinary adventure that combines thrilling activities with a nature-inspired experience. This aerial forest attraction features North America's largest outdoor trampolines.

Following the success of uplâ's first location in Mont Saint Grégoire, Quebec, which attracted over 100,000 guests in 2022, Treetop Trekking is excited to bring this unique concept to Ontario. Designed and produced by The Trekking Group, uplâ is a suspended world that allows visitors to enjoy a playful experience in the treetops while having fun in a universe of nets.

"We are dedicated to making the great outdoors accessible to everyone, which is why we pushed the boundaries of outdoor recreation and created uplâ, a revolutionary way for people to experience nature in a fun, active, and eco-friendly manner", said Jean-François Couture, Chief Marketing Officer at The Trekking Group. "Motivated by our

passion for nature, people, and authenticity, we chose to stay true to our roots by establishing our second uplâ park in Ontario, despite a strong interest expressed by companies from all over North America".

The uplâ park in Stouffville features a mega-trampoline with nine interconnected jumping surfaces, complete with pathways, a two-story trampoline, slides, vertical tunnels, and a spiral entrance, offering visitors a wide range of exciting activities to enjoy.

Treetop Trekking Stouffville is already one of the most prominent attractions in Bruce's Mill Conservation Park. The Stouffville park opened in 2014, and it is the most popular Treetop Trekking Park, attracting more visitors than the other six Ontario parks combined.

The Stouffville park is popular because of its proximity to the GTA, but also because it has the most amenities, beginning with the popular Zipline & Aerial Game Trek. Other activities include Treewalk Village, Discovery Kids Courses, Night Trek, Team Building Programs, GPS Rallies, and Forest

Bathing with a certified Forest Therapy Guide.

Proven to be a nearly "pandemic-proof" industry, Treetop drew more than 100,000 visitors to Bruce's Mill in 2022. With uplâ, visitation counts could double.

"More importantly," said Town Economic Development Officer David Tuley, "When over 90% of Stouffville's landscape is protected as Greenbelt, we depend on innovative businesses like Treetop to create local jobs, improve the quality of life for residents and bring visitors to the community. The economic impacts are far and wide - and are about to become farther and wider."

The development plan for uplâ is designed to be modular, with additional features to be announced and added throughout its first year of operation. uplâ is scheduled to open to the public on June 23, 2023, and pre-sales began on May 15. For more information about uplâ and to stay updated on the latest news, please visit upla.ca.



NEW COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC OPENS

Providing Health Care Access for Individuals without a Primary Care Provider

Oak Valley Health, in partnership with the Eastern York Region North Durham Ontario Health Team (EYRND OHT) and Well Plus Compounding Pharmacy, is pleased to announce the opening of a new Community Health Clinic.

The clinic opened on May 15 to provide health care access for individuals without a primary care provider, as well as care to individuals with COVID-19 symptoms. The clinic builds on the success the partners had in operating the COVID-19, Cold, and Flu Care Clinic (CCFCC).

A need for primary care in the community was identified, specifically for the unattached patient population, and as such, the Community Health Clinic was formed to serve Markham, Stouffville, and surrounding areas.

"I am pleased to be able to support our local hospital with the opening of the first and

only community health clinic in Stouffville. This is a much needed resource for our community and I am happy to be a partner of this initiative," said Mina Twfic, Owner, Well Plus Compounding Pharmacy.

Staffed by physicians and nurse practitioners (NPs), the clinic will serve as the gateway for health care for unattached patients to access primary care - from an initial appointment, to follow ups, and referrals as needed. Access to interprofessional care providers will be available.

The Community Health Clinic is meant to be a bridge for these patients until they find permanent primary care. Patients over the age of six months can be seen at the clinic.

The Community Health Clinic is located inside Well Plus Compounding Pharmacy, unit 5, 5402 Main St, Whitechurch-Stouffville. The clinic will be open from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The opening of the Community Health Clinic reinforces Oak Valley Health's commitment to delivering an extraordinary patient experience for the communities it serves.

"We've heard loud and clear that primary care for the unattached population is a much needed resource, and we are working with our partners to continue to provide the communities we serve with safe and reliable health care services. We are grateful to Well Plus Compounding Pharmacy and our EYRND OHT partners for their collaboration to allow us to provide care beyond our walls," said Jo-anne Marr, President & CEO, Oak Valley Health.

This is not a walk-in clinic, all patients will need to register for appointments online: oakvalleyhealth.ca/community-health-clinic

YOU HEARD IT AT THE MAYOR'S DINNER Schlegel Villages Unveils Name for Stouffville Development

If you were attending the Mayor's Dinner 2023, you heard the name unveiling for Schlegel Villages' Stouffville development: The Village of Stouffer Mills. Schlegel undertakes a lengthy process to determine the right name for each of their villages, wanting to find a meaningful name for each of their locations.

The Village of Stouffer Mills honours the founder of Stouffville, Abraham Stouffer, who built and operated the first mills in Stouffville. Mills were common along the creeks in and around Stouffville in the 1800's to the mid 1900's.

Also exciting news: Schlegel Villages has partnered with Seneca College to operate a Living Classroom in Stouffville, providing post-secondary school education to train PSW's and other health care-related disciplines. The Living Classroom will open shortly after the completion of the Long-Term Care home.

The 192-bed Long-Term Care home on Hoover Park will start construction in 2023, and the first residents moving into their new home in 2025. Schlegel Villages will create 200 jobs in Stouffville upon opening of the LTC home, and 500 jobs after all 3 phases are completed. For more information see schlegelvillages.com.



The Village of
STOUFFER MILLS





[above] Katie and Scotty Howes with children Harper, 9, Halle, 5, and Hudson, 3. The family is opening a hockey training facility in Stouffville this summer.

Hockey Training Facility Scheduled to open this Summer

by Jim Mason

A new hockey training facility is scheduled to open in Stouffville this summer.

Around The Net (ATN) Hockey Skill Training is already at work in the community. After selling out its first hockey school during March Break, it has other sessions scheduled for this summer at the Stouffville Clippers Complex.

Construction at the bricks-and-mortar facility, located on Sandiford Drive, will begin this month with an August grand opening planned.

A hockey treadmill – with athletes wearing skates – will be the centrepiece of the operation. “Fifteen seconds on the treadmill is the equivalent of 45 seconds on the ice,” said Scotty Howes, who founded ATN with his wife, Stouffville native Katie (Fretz) Howes, 10 years ago.

But off-ice speed and agility training

sessions for groups and individuals and skate sharpening will also be offered. It will be open seven days a week “for beginners to pros.”

“I always get asked ‘How can my son or daughter get faster?’,” said Howes. “I’m a big believer in the off-ice.” Speed and agility work, with some strength training, will be the focus. “But it won’t be your typical gym,” he said.

Howes played eight years professionally in the American Hockey League, East Coast Hockey League and in Europe.

He says, “the demand is there” to open the facility. “Training has come so far even from when I played,” he said. “I certainly didn’t know then what I know now.”

For more information and updates, go to: aroundthenethockey.ca or [@atnhockey](https://www.facebook.com/atnhockey) on social media.

money for me to buy supplies, and others bought paint. She now arrives, we get out a carton of stuff and she starts painting. She loves to show what she has accomplished. She was able to tell us today, she wants to enter them in Markham Fair. I want to thank everyone and wish you could see the smiles. Her face lights up and she is so happy while painting. Her joy makes it so worthwhile. Thank you, Whitchurch-Stouffville. - Diane Ward.

CARE AND SHARE THRIFT SHOP SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Care and Share Thrift Shop is looking for volunteers who are interested in making an impactful and sustainable difference in their community, country, and around the world. Stouffville’s only thrift store has been active for over 41 years and is looking for individuals who are interested in retail, fashion, and sustainability.

We accept students and adults and offer flexible volunteer scheduling for as little as one shift a month! Come join an inclusive, sociable workplace that offers work experience, volunteer hours, and an opportunity to make a difference. Check out our website at mccthriftofrario.com/Stouffville for more information.

STOUFFVILLE BMX SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Attention: Race Night volunteers are needed. As we begin a new season at SBMX, we are putting out the call for volunteers to support our local Wednesday night races. Now is a great time to hop on board to lend a hand and have a lot of fun in the process.

We are looking to get volunteers in the areas of Scoring, Staging, and Corner Marshalls. Guidance and training provided.

Volunteering may provide the best seat in the house to take in all the action. Contact us at stouffvillebmx@hotmail.com

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Many organizations and institutions will require that volunteers have Vulnerable Sector Clearance. This could be a matter of due diligence or a requirement by their insurance provider.

Plan to Protect, located in Stouffville, specializes in online training programs. They have become regarded as the standard of abuse prevention and vulnerable sector protection.

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I help host a drop-in art program at the 55+ Club and a few weeks ago, a special needs young lady has decided to join us. She is non-verbal but came with some paintbrushes and enthusiasm. Some of our group stepped up to help her and I posted a request for supplies for her that evening on Stouffville Bulletin. I have to tell you that we are all overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of the community. Some offered

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Award-Winning Bridal Alterations in Stouffville



[above] Stephanie Saleh and Tanis Emmett, Founder and Owner of Tanis Emmett Wedding Style, showing off a finished wedding dress for a soon-to-be bride.

For what's regarded as a relatively small and niche industry, Tanis Emmett Wedding Style has managed to take the wedding industry by storm. Since its founding in 2011, Tanis Emmett, Founder and Owner of Tanis Emmett Wedding Style, says they've had two expansions, and it looks like another one is on the books in the near future. Tanis Emmett Wedding Style primarily does luxury bridal alterations and redesigns. They serve clients locally, provincially, and internationally - it's not uncommon to have a bride-to-be fly in for a fitting - and support all the surrounding bridal boutiques.

The tremendous growth of Tanis Emmett Wedding Style has been almost all organic, and Tanis says that in the last month they've seen business increase by 38%, and year-to-date they are up 115%! They're so busy that they see a bride every 30-minutes to an hour, and even then, they are booked-up for appointments until the end of August. Thrifting brides, redesigns, and online orders has contributed to a lot of the growth that Tanis has been seeing over the last little while. Since online orders and thrifted dresses rarely fit brides-to-be as-is, their services are being needed more than ever. What's also adding to their growth is that there aren't many people that sew anymore, and the talent that is able to work with luxury garments and uncommon fabrics is even more scarce. Tanis has expanded beyond alterations and redesigns and has also moved into product manufacturing and training programs. Out of their Stouffville location, they ship The Couture Saver, which is a treatment spray used to get rid of stains on delicate wedding gowns. Tanis boasts that they do everything in house as it relates to The Couture Saver, this includes bottle and box design, making the product, packing - they do

it all. The product is sold in wedding boutiques across the country and the demand for the product is huge.

The TEWS Education Academy is the other venture that Tanis is having great success with. Tanis says that during the COVID-19 pandemic it became apparent how little support there was in the bridal alterations industry, along with how few training programs existed. Out of this, Tanis launched the TEWS Education Academy which offers certification programs to bridal industry professionals. The certification program focuses on educating on bridal fittings and alterations, along with the intricate details and tools needed to elevate the experience offered to brides. Right now, the TEWS Education Academy is offered regionally, but the hope is to eventually take it internationally.

Tanis graduated from Fanshawe College's Fashion Design program and now serves on a board which congregates annually to review the curriculum offered to students. The fashion design industry is constantly evolving and being able to advise on what should be offered in the program helps to foster students' success in the professional world upon graduation. She also offers new graduates from Fanshawe, Toronto Metropolitan University, and other surrounding fashion schools, internship opportunities, which allows them to get real life hands-on experience in the industry. Tanis says that working with the community, from the schools to the Education Academy, is what is ultimately going to help her business grow, but her industry too.

Major Rebates Available for Heat Pump Tech and Energy Efficiency

by David Tuley

Heat Pump, What?

I connected with Janet and Saul Esau of OnPoint Home Services, a heating and cooling business located on Ringwood Drive. They told me about the Canada Greener Homes program that provides a rebate of up to \$10,600 for the installation of heat pumps, amongst other things. Heat pumps are something that I vaguely understood. Heat pump technology has been very common in Europe, yet China is now leading the way in adoption. Almost half of the houses in America's South now use heat pumps. Heat pumps can make heat in the winter, and in reverse, remove heat in the summer (air conditioning).

There are several types of heat pump technology, one being ground-based, or geothermal, which is the 'cat's meow', but is beyond financial reach for most people. Air-source heat pumps are becoming popular - these are more affordable and have a quicker return on investment. Air-sourced pumps are either ductless (attached to the outside of a building) or are connected to new or existing ducts.

As long as you have electricity, heat pumps can be used in the countryside or in the city. You might shudder at the thought of heating with electricity, but under ideal conditions, a heat pump can transfer 300 percent more energy than it consumes. In extreme cold, heat pumps lose efficiency and may fail to keep you warm if it's minus 30 outside. You need backup, floorboard heaters, air handler, a wood-burning stove, etc. For those of you with natural gas, connect the heat pump to your existing furnace to create a "hybrid system".

In a hybrid system, when it gets really cold, a manual or automatic switch can flip your system from a heat pump to a gas furnace. The reduction in natural gas usage could be substantial. For example, if the switchover was set at -6c., the annual natural gas savings could be as much as 77%, while your heat pump would do most of the work during shoulder seasons. Also,



[above] Janet, Saul, Nathaniel, and Nicholas at their local school. The family moved to Stouffville 7 years ago to raise children in a 'great environment'. In the summer evenings, "Everyone is out talking and playing on the block, we even built a basketball court together," they said. The Esau's also moved their business of 14 years here too, now located at 100 Ringwood Drive, Unit 16.

if electricity costs ramp up during peak periods, the switch could take place during these times as well.

I read that the return on investment for an air-source heat pump is 10 years, leaving you another 10 years to enjoy pure savings. Yes, these heat pumps cost roughly 20% more than conventional gas furnaces, but what if the Government of Canada rebates most of the cost? What if your new hybrid system cost \$2,000 instead of \$10,000 (very rough numbers)? The ROI would respectfully, be sooner and better.

If you need further motivation, in southern Ontario homes and buildings generate about 57 percent of greenhouse gas emissions, mainly for heating and hot water. If we want to get serious about greenhouse emission reduction, heat pumps are the low-hanging fruit.

Better Call Saul

Think of Janet and Saul, and others like them, as your navigators. They can assess your situation and make a recommendation, as Janet says, "bigger isn't always better" (or more efficient). Your residence may require a unit, being super small or larger, that isn't on the government's pre-qualification system yet. Your house could be so

old and energy-inefficient that the government will prefer that you insulate it first (there are grants for this too, sometimes 100% free for seniors and vulnerable populations - ask Janet about this).

After you figure out what you think you need, with the help of your local Heating and Cooling experts, that's when the process begins. The inspector will contact you to go through some qualifying questions as the government has mandated a pre-and-post inspection. If you are hung up on the term "rebate", it is for good reasons - money is needed upfront to get a rebate, but Janet and Saul have access to a lender that, if you qualify, will provide a 0% interest loan until the rebate comes. The inspector OnPoint works with can assist with navigating the rebate. When the project is complete and has passed a post-retrofit inspection, "you will receive a cheque for the grant by mail within 30 business days," states the Natural Resources Canada website.

If you are interested in pursuing this grant, contact Saul and Janet at 905-709-1333 or sales@yourhomeonpoint.com.

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Additionally, guests will be part of an interactive experience as they try to solve a murder mystery alongside cast members of Mysteriously Yours Dinner Theatre. Period costumes are encouraged for guests, but not required.

The Champions will defend their book to event guests over cocktails and a light supper. After these presentations, event attendees will vote, the results will be tallied, and the 2023 Stouffville Reads winning book and champion will be announced.

Tickets are \$75.00 each; available online at Eventbrite: rb.gy/28gws or at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, 2 Park Drive, Stouffville. Only 100 tickets are available.

For more information or sponsorship opportunities, contact Kate Scheiers, Manager, Programs & Engagement, at kate.scheiers@wsplibrary.ca or at (905) 642-7323 ext. 5233.

EXHIBITIONS

YI MEI @Town Office Gallery

Incorporating natural materials like wax, moss, and dehydrated flowers into acrylic and oil paintings, Richmond Hill artist Yi Mei presents a suite of works inspired by her surroundings and community. Taken together, the works reveal a journey through the artist's natural surroundings, one that begins in realism and ends in abstraction.

Latcham Art Centre curates the Town Office Gallery at 111 Sandiford Drive. This space is dedicated to promoting artists who live and work within York Region only.

MAY 8 - JULY 31



EMMANUEL OSAHOR @Latcham Art Centre

Born in Nigeria and based in Toronto, Emmanuel Osahor's artwork engages with beauty as a necessity for survival and a precursor to thriving. For *What we tend*, the artist depicts gardens as carefully considered and intricate sanctuaries. His paintings and etchings embody a collage-like sensibility, drawing from various sources to create new yet convincing garden settings. Also featured are recent ceramic fountains, which moves the exhibition toward the immersive.

MAY 26 - JULY 8



DIY

JULY 3 - AUG 25

SUMMER ART CAMP @Latcham Art Centre

Summer Art Camp runs for seven weeks during the months of July and August for children ages 5-11. It is a wonderful opportunity for participants to get creative and make new friends. Each week is different, taught by an artist-educator and there will be a variety of art projects.

JUNE 15

LET'S PAINT with Brittany

Enjoy a creative night out and learn to paint with Brittany Lauren at the Corner House 6:30-8:30pm. Visit www.brittanylaloren.ca/lets-paint for details and registration.

JUNE 17

DISCOVERY DAY @Whitchurch-Stouffville Library

Experience and learn a variety of amazing things in just 10 minutes! The Library will be filled with special activities for your family to do together. Drop-in, Free, 9:30am-1pm.

JUN 26 - AUG 28

MONDAY TEAS AND TOURS @Perennial Petals Flower Farm

Every Monday starting from June 26 to August 28. Bring a friend and enjoy some time with the flowers, picking your own bouquet and relaxing over a cup of tea. What a great way to have a visit or just relax for a few hours. Pre-book on the website: perennialpetals.com/monday-teas-tours



Stouffville Celebrates

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Summer Begins with Music, Art, Heritage, and Food!

Summer is just around the corner! With the warmer weather, now is the perfect time to get out and take advantage of all the great events that the Heritage, Events and Theatre Operations (HETO) team have been busy planning. We look forward to welcoming you to a new lineup of summer events.

The **2nd Annual Whitchurch-Stouffville Heritage Awards** recognize those preserving heritage in our community. For the second year in a row, the community was invited to nominate individuals, corporations and other public or private organizations for these awards. Those nominated have made an extraordinary effort towards the conservation, restoration, or adaptive reuse of a built heritage property within the Town limits. On June 3rd, two awards will be granted – one for a commercial property and one for a private residence.

Join us on Saturday, June 3rd with a morning of festivities starting at the Lemonville Community Centre at 9:00am. Attend the 2nd Annual Whitchurch-Stouffville Heritage Awards ceremony, celebrate **100 years at the Lemonville**

Community Centre, and kick off **Doors Open Whitchurch-Stouffville**. For more information on Doors Open please see Pages 18-21 in this month's OTR.

Art in the Park is on Saturday, June 10th in Memorial Park from 11:00am-4:00pm. Art and culture come alive at this annual art show and sale. Wander the park while reveling in the talent of artists from across Southern Ontario serenaded by live ambient music. You won't want to miss this highly anticipated fine art show and sale! The event will be complete with delicious food and craft activities for the whole family.

19 on the Park's Patio Series in Civic Square kicks off on Friday, June 16th from 7:00-11:00pm. The first concert of this series will feature Conor Gains, the 27-year-old singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and producer. Enjoy the ambiance of a warm spring night with friends, family and live music at this free event. The fun will continue with performances by a variety of artists in July, August, and September.

Formerly Food Truck Frenzy, **Music in the Park** will take place on Friday, June 23rd from 5:00-9:00pm in Memorial Park.

This free, all-ages event celebrates summer with live musical performances on stage along with great food! This year's event will be headlined by Juno-Nominated Singer/Songwriter Aysanabee and will also spotlight music from a Steel Pan Trio. Music in the Park will also feature a food truck alley with a variety of food options for you to enjoy dinner and show!



STOUFFVILLE BMX 2023 New Rider Information



Welcome to Stouffville BMX. We are always excited to welcome new riders to our club and the track!

If you want to come out and try the track, we offer a complimentary one-day trial membership through our sanction BMX Canada (one use only). You will need to contact us at stouffvillebmx@hotmail.com to obtain the link to sign up so we know when to expect you. You can use the one-day trial membership during one of our Monday night practices 6:30-8:00pm. We also have loaner bikes and helmets for your first time out if you need equipment. Availability is first come/first serve.

Please be sure to wear long sleeves, long pants, closed-toe shoes and we also recommend gloves. Full-face helmets are required. You can bring your own bike to ride, but please make sure they are free of pegs, chainguards, kickstands or any other attachments that might impede riding over the track features. We offer bike rentals for \$8 per session and full face helmet rentals for \$4 per session. Rentals are available on a first come/first serve basis. All equipment must be returned at the end of your riding session.

Once you've had a chance to come and check things out, and you want to continue on your BMX journey, you will need to take out a regular BMX Canada license, available online, at an annual price of \$85 for pedal riders and \$45 for Striders (valid for 365 days from date of purchase). This license gives you access to over 300 tracks associated with our sanction throughout North America. A full BMX Canada license is required to participate in any of our Stouffville BMX club programming (Practices, Races, Clinics, Special Events). You can obtain a license on-line at www.bmxcanada.org.

BUSINESS

SKILLED TRADES EXPO @Whitchurch-Stouffville Library

Skilled Trades Expo is a free, drop-in event. 10am-4pm at Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, 2 Park Drive.

If you enjoy working with your hands and finding practical solutions, then the skilled trades may be for you! The skilled trades are in high demand, offer steady work, competitive wages, on-the-job training, and opportunities for advancement. Come and check out your options, connect with colleges, employers, and employment organizations at the Skilled Trades Expo.

This is a day to help the tradespeople of tomorrow connect with colleges, employers, and employment organizations.

JUNE 3



LEADERS LUNCHEON @Meadowbrook Golf Club

The Stouffville Chamber of Commerce Leaders Luncheon will take place on June 14th at Meadowbrook Golf Club with guest speaker Wendy Moir who is the first CEO and Registrar of the Home Construction Regulatory Authority, which launched in 2021 as Ontario's newest regulatory body. Responsible for licensing new home builders and vendors, Wendy is charting a new course in a booming industry – enforcing higher professional and ethical standards, and providing new home buyers with

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enhanced resources to support consumer protection.

At this event Wendy will be speaking about consumer protection, the resources available to new home buyers, and also what the HCRA is doing to support enhanced professionalism and builder education.

Tickets are available through the Stouffville Chamber of Commerce website. <https://w.stouffvillechamber.ca/events/details/leaders-luncheon>

FREE ONE-ON-ONE BUSINESS CONSULTATIONS @Whitchurch-Stouffville Library

The York Small Business Enterprise Centre (YSBEC) is your one-stop shop to help start and grow your business. YSBEC offers a range of services to help you succeed, including training, business plan development, mentoring, and advisory services. Whether you have an idea for a business or are looking to grow your existing venture, YSBEC is here to help.

Together we can take an in-depth look at your business or startup idea and weigh its strengths and weaknesses to determine how to build upon what you do well, and manage and improve upon the areas that require more work. We can assess the

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opportunities and challenges your business faces near and far, and through competitive analysis, zero in on what your niche is and what differentiates your business from your competitors.

The consultations will take place at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, 2 park Drive, 12pm to 4pm. Email to make an appointment: daniela.mazzaferro@york.ca.

FUN

ALL NIGHT LAWN @Stouffville Lawn Bowling

For the 19+ crowd the All Night Lawn-Bowling Nights in partnership with the Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club will bring Lawn Bowling to new audiences and introduce the importance of philanthropy to the next generation. The series takes place June 9, July 14 and August 11 from 6:30-10:30pm. Each evening event will include a lesson, cocktails, snacks, music and mingling. To learn more or register for one of the events, visit www.allnightlawn.ca.

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2023 BBQ CHALLENGE @Coach House Pub

The Grilling with Shine Cookoff 2023 BBQ Challenge kicks off Saturday, June 17 12-5pm at the Coach House Pub at 3 Felcher Boulevard. Final judging begins at 4pm. Hosts Sven and Troy This exciting event will have 10 teams of BBQ enthusiasts showing their grilling skills under the pressure of having only 4-hours to prep, bbq and present from a random pick surprise BBQ box prepared by Stouffville's top butcher, The Meat Merchant.

JUNE 17

HOT!



This fun and exciting event will be filmed for an upcoming episode of Grilling with Shine and have a panel of celebrity foodie judges. The winning team will be awarded the Grilling with Shine Stouffville Cookoff trophy and bragging rights!

Come watch, listen, laugh, learn and cheer on your favourite BBQ team... admission is

free to watch and please bring a condiment for the Stouffville Food Bank. Live music by Billy Mac and Paul Magee.

Grilling with Shine (moonshine infused spices) is a new spice business based out of Stouffville. Their products are available locally at Ballantrae Market, Simpson Family Farm, The Meat Merchant, and Carma Farms. See grillingwithshine.com.

FLORAL SUBSCRIPTIONS @Perennial Petals Flower Farm

Perennial Petals is a seasonal, boutique flower farm and floral studio offering unique, heritage and contemporary blooms for flower lovers in York Region. For 2023, Perennial Petals will offers many different Floral Subscriptions, with delivery available to Stouffville, Aurora and Newmarket. Sunscriptions frequently sell out.

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Also, new for 2023, is a Flower Membership that provides access to the farm on Tuesdays in summer months from 4pm to 7pm to pick your own bucket of your flower favourites.

Order subscriptions or join many DIY workshops at their website: perennialpetals.com.



STOUFFVILLE MARKET Opening Day was a Success

May 13 saw the opening of the market, and what an amazing opening day we had for the 2023 season. With 45 vendors and more than 1400 visitors, it was a hoppin' place! It's been a lot of work pulling it together with so many vendors applying to attend this year, lots of organizing and making sure all the parts fit together and it turned out incredibly well.

Mother Nature came through as requested with a beautiful sunny day, and just a bit of a breeze to make it a perfect day. We had opening ceremonies at 9:00 am with Mayor Iain Lovatt giving a few words to radio station Lite 88.5, then on to the opening day cake which was shared all around. The Town's CAO Sunny Bains and the brand-new Director of Leisure Rob Braid, joined in for the opening, as did Parks Supervisor Dan Lamirande, they just had to see what we were up to!

Then on to shopping, learning, sampling and socializing. There was something for everyone ...entertainment, food, clothing, treats, gifts, plants, pet supplies, and yes we also had the highly sought after Girl Guide cookies, artists, beverages...adult and all ages, toys – new and retro, product debuts, essential oils, skin care. Jewelry, maple syrup, crocheted and knit toys, hot sauce, mustard, fresh produce, pizza made on site, home décor, tea, olive oil, candles, yoga studio, math school, health food, and the list goes on... there was just so much to see and choose from.

It was wonderful to see so many people out to enjoy the day, catching up with friends and neighbours and soaking in the energy of the market. The market continues every Saturday until October 14 and is open from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. We'd love to see you. thestouffvillemarket.ca.



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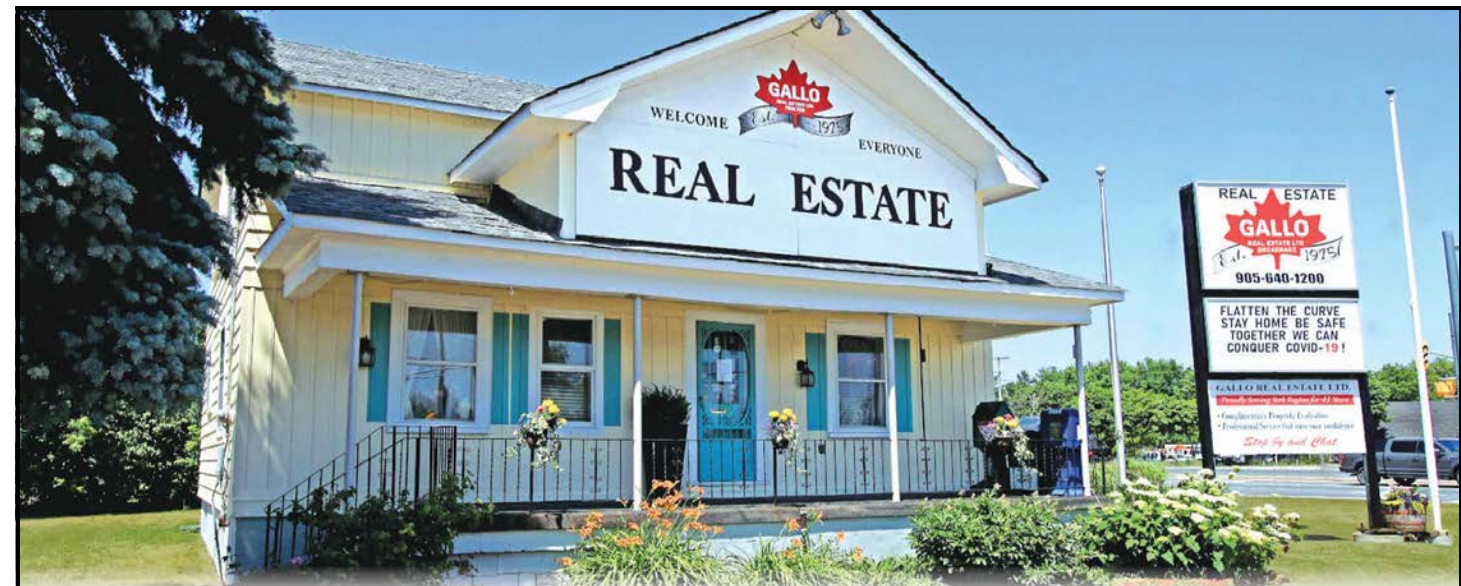


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KICK-OFF EVENT at Lemonville C.C. 9:00am

Interested in Doors Open Whitchurch-Stouffville? Start your day of exploration at 100 Years of the Lemonville Community Centre – an event to celebrate the centenary of Lemonville Community Centre, formerly Lemonville School, located at 13453 McCowan Road.

Beginning at 9:00am, this celebration of heritage will include light refreshments and a kick-off to another year of Doors Open Whitchurch-Stouffville! Be sure to use this spread as your event guide for all things Doors Open Whitchurch-Stouffville on June 3.



1 Lemonville Community Centre 13453 McCowan Road

The Lemonville School - celebrating its 100th anniversary this year - was constructed in 1923 as S.S. #9 and enlarged in 1959 by adding a second classroom. The school was closed in 1969 and reopened as the Lemonville Community Centre in 1972. Doors Open visitors can view a pop-up exhibit and chat with volunteers about the building's fascinating history.



2 Lemonville United Church 13523 McCowan Road

The initial services of the Lemonville Methodist Church began in 1854 in a frame schoolhouse. In 1856, the original church building was constructed on the present site. During Doors Open, visit Lemonville United for refreshments, guided tours, historical displays and information, and speak to members of the congregation about its social and architectural significance.



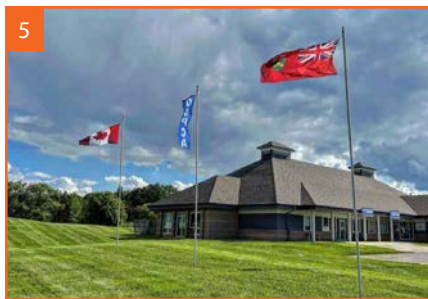
3 W-S Museum & Community Ctr. 14732 Woodbine Avenue

Located in the hamlet of Vandorf, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum & Community Centre has preserved the town's rich heritage since 1971. During Doors Open, join outdoor expert Jonathan Thompson to learn about Indigenous fire-making techniques — including demonstrations on flint and steel, bow drill, two-person bow drill, hand drill and modern techniques. Visitors can also explore the museum's buildings and galleries.



4 Wesley United Church 15296 Woodbine Avenue

Built in 1881, this Gothic style Church contains beautiful stained-glass windows and other unique features including boards from



the original log church. Enjoy recorded organ and piano performances by the church's Minister of Music, take tours of the building and the neighbouring cemetery, and view an ivory scrimshaw carved into a piano key.

5 Ontario SPCA 16586 Woodbine Avenue

Celebrate 150 years of the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Humane Society! The society provides care, comfort and compassion to animals in need in communities across the province. During Doors Open, join an educational tour of the Animal Centre. There will also be a vendor market and lots of animal interaction opportunities.

6 Holy Theotokos 4369 Faulkner Avenue

Holy Theotokos is a Greek Orthodox convent that not only follows the traditional order but also manufactures pure beeswax candles. During Doors Open, visitors can explore the chapel and the candle factory. You are also welcome to buy lunch at the Greek souvlaki and pastry tent to learn how food and culture is influenced by tradition, religion and family!

7 Richmond Hill Live Steamers 15922 McCowan Road

This location is only open to the public once per year! Adults and children alike come to Richmond Hill Live Steamers to ride on one of their miniature railways. This outdoor model railway, run by hobbyists and engineers, features several gauges of trains running on steam, gasoline and electric power, based on real engines dating back to the 1820s.



8 Mar Thoma Church 159 Sandiford Drive

St. Thomas Christians can trace their origins to the arrival of St. Thomas on a lagoon in Malankara, India. Built in 2017, this 2,137-square-metre (23,000-square-foot) building contains a beautiful 750-seat sanctuary, seniors' recreational room, youth room and spectacular chandeliers. Take a guided tour, browse exhibits to learn about faith, beliefs and rich cultural heritage, and stop by the food sale.

9 Richardson Lodge No.136 279 Second Street

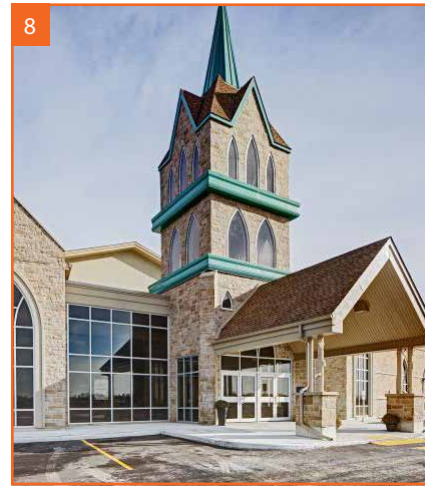
Built in 1955, Richardson Masonic Lodge prides itself as a well-established institution dedicated to the cultural, social and moral development of men 21 years of age and older. The building will offer self-guided tours, presentations of the history of Richardson Lodge Masonic Hall, giveaways, and light refreshments. Also be sure to check out the sundial out front!

10 Morra Caruso Law 6060 Main Street

This designated heritage home, built in 1885 for the village veterinarian, currently houses the offices of Morra Caruso Law. It features the original dining room pocket doors, large, crafted wood baseboards and plaster crown moulding. Take a staff-led tour and enjoy refreshments and a presentation of photos in the boardroom.

11 19 On the Park 19 Civic Avenue

Built in 1896 and originally designed as a market and concert hall, this building has been used for many purposes over the years. Join musician and educator Joy Lapps-Lewis



for an engaging workshop to explore the rich history of the steelpan and play instruments including skinned drums, bamboo bamboo, iron, and other percussion instruments that are cornerstones of steelpan history.

12 Latcham Art Centre 2 Park Drive

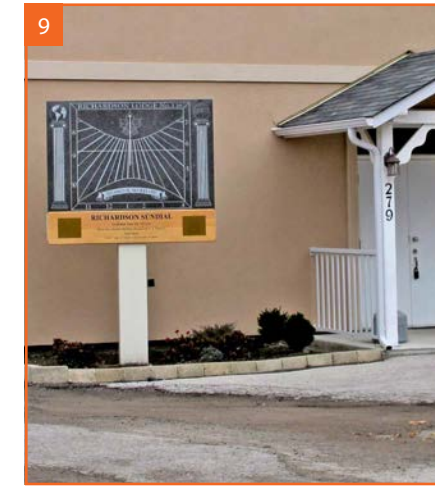
The Latcham Art Centre is Stouffville's only public art gallery. Join curator Tyler Durban for tours of the current exhibition What We Tend by Emmanuel Osahor. Or create your own picnic basket, food and flowers with a variety of art materials for the Garden Picnic project. Also, speak with professional artists about the process of showing/curating shows in professional galleries.

13 W-S Public Library 2 Park Drive

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library traces its history back to 1877 when it was first established in Allan's Jewelry Store, then as the Mechanic's Institute, and finally as a free public library in 1899. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at the library's automated material handler, food-themed button-making, 3D printer demonstrations, and a cookbook display.

14 Jean-Baptiste Lainé Site 99 Reeves Way Boulevard

The Jean-Baptiste Lainé Site was home to a remarkable late-16th-century ancestral Wendat community. Of all the sites in Southern Ontario that have been almost completely excavated, it is considered one of the largest and most complex. Explore and learn about this amazing archaeological site with self-guided tours and a staffed interpretation table. Park at Wendat Village Public School (99 Reeves Way Boulevard) and follow signage.



Sat., June 3
10am - 4pm

2023 DOORS OPEN Whitchurch-Stouffville

2023 WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE Heritage Awards

WALKING TOUR: Markets & Factories, Stouffville's Food Heritage
Meet inside 19 on the Park at 11:00am, 19 Civic Avenue



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DOORS OPEN INFORMATION HUB
19 On the Park Theatre lobby

In 2022, the Town of Stouffville launched the inaugural Whitchurch-Stouffville Heritage Awards. With acknowledgement that this land is the treaty territory of the Williams Nations, the traditional territory of other Anishinaabeg peoples, including the Wendat and the Haudenosaunee, the Town has set out to recognize and promote its heritage properties.

From its founding in 1804, through the pre & post-Confederation eras, and into the early 1900s, Stouffville's built heritage reflects a variety of architectural styles. Today there are over 700 properties listed in the Town's "Built Heritage Inventory". It is with the Town's rich history in mind, that eligible individuals, corporations, and organizations having made an extraordinary effort towards the conservation,

restoration, or adaptive reuse of a built heritage property were nominated. This year's recipients are 72 Church Street (residential) and 13453 McCowan Road (commercial).

Built circa 1892 by master builder Nathan Forsyth (b.1852-d.1946), 72 Church Street was built for Samuel Burkholder who operated a local furniture and undertaking business. Located in the core of the Village of Stouffville, this building represents Late Victorian Hybrid style and is unique with its Romanesque Revival and Italianate details and embellishments. Forsyth's style is evident in the distinguishable deep red brick and use of decorative and sculptural brickwork, corbelled brick string courses, voussoir trims, porch/balcony projections, decorative woodwork on brackets and window transoms. The house was converted into apartments around 1941 and it does not have any appearance of additions or renovations. As a result, the architectural design and heritage features have remained intact. It appears that the property has been well-maintained and lovingly looked after. The building stands in all its glory and retains most of its unique architectural and heritage integrity.



You may be familiar with the Lemonville Community Centre, formerly Lemonville School, located at 13453 McCowan Road. Built around 1923 to replace the hamlet's original schoolhouse, the building became a community centre in 1971 with the help of a generous donation from Arthur Latcham to expand the building and add "bell towers". The addition is distinct but remains well-integrated and sympathetic to the original structure and architectural style. Now a significant landmark, the schoolhouse was essential to the development of the community before becoming a community hub. The Lemonville Community Center boasts its history with humility and celebrates its "Centennial" this year.



The Whitchurch-Stouffville Heritage Awards will be handed out at 9:00am on June 3 as we celebrate 100 Years of the Lemonville Community Centre, followed by the kick-off to Doors Open Whitchurch-Stouffville.



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**STOUFFVILLE SENIOR OF THE MONTH
RAPHAELLA CARUSO**

1. How long have you lived in Stouffville?

Raphaella and Sam, her husband of 52 years, moved to Stouffville from Markham 25 years ago.

2. Tell us about your family. She has 1 sister and 2 brothers. Sam and Raphaella have 3 sons and no less than 7 grandchildren who range in age from 2 to 22 years old.

3. Tell us about your career. Raphaella was a typical Canadian housewife raising her children when her younger brother approached her to help him establish a new hair dressing salon. Well, that salon flourished and so they opened another one in the city; then another one in Rosedale, and then another one uptown. Success was so great that eventually they had established locations in every major market in Canada. Also, they were also successful in developing their own brand of hair care products which were marketed nationally. One of the joys of her business success was that it enabled Raphaella to offer significant support to a charity that brings water to African villages that are miles away from any sources of fresh water.

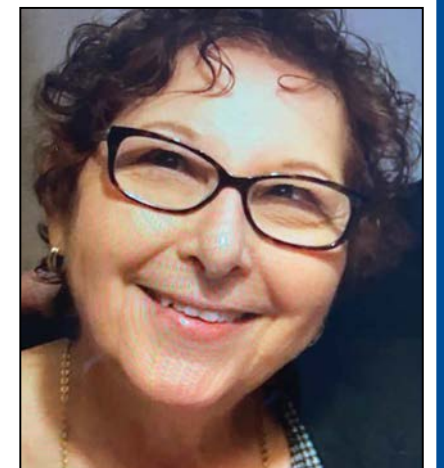
4. Looking back, what are the highlights of your life? Second only to her wedding day Raphaella remembers being in Africa inspecting the work being done there. She was present as the first water was pumped from the well dug near the village and vividly remembers the look on the childrens' faces as they saw fresh clean water for the first time. Priceless!

5. "What's life all about Grandma?" Very simply: life is about what you give, not what you receive.

6. What do you like best about life in Stouffville? It's the people. The people of Stouffville are all so friendly it's like being in one big family.

7. What would make life in Stouffville even better? Let's get Main Street improved!!

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If you're looking for something to do next weekend that's close to home head over to DiscoverStouffville.ca. This website now hosts a tourism directory that spotlights interesting things to see and do, unique places to shop and where to eat and drink in and around Stouffville, as well as an extensive list of upcoming events.

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Bringing an old garage floor to the NEXT LEVEL

I had the pleasure of sitting down to chat with 2 local Stouffville young men who are making a name for themselves with a new business they've started called Next Level Epoxy. They will take care of refinishing any concrete floor you have and turn your dreams into reality! You house will be the talk of the neighbourhood!

I first saw the ads in a local Facebook group and was intrigued with the look, the process and especially the longevity of epoxy flooring, so I put in a call, had a visit from one of the company owners, had a good chat and thought we need to spread the word!

The company was started by and is owned by brothers Mitchell and Jaden Delic, 2 entrepreneurs that are excited, enthusiastic, and professional with their new corporate hats on. They grew up working in the family car business and have spent time working and honing their skills and learning how to run a business themselves. Mitchell is a licensed mechanic and salesperson, Jaden is studying business at university, and will continue to help operate the business while hitting the books.

They both know the car business very well, but wanted something of their own, that they could grow and develop into something substantial to support them as they move along in life and start their own families. It just so happened their uncle had an epoxy business, and the idea was formed and discussed and jumped upon! Mitchell

and Jaden spent time training with their uncle to learn the business, all the tips and tricks they would need to master in order to put their name on the company. They then took the plunge and Next Level Epoxy was born.

What is epoxy flooring you ask? At Next Level, they pride themselves on the high-quality product they have selected to use called polyaspartic epoxy. It provides a long-lasting, water-resistant, strong, and decorative finish to any concrete flooring you may have. You can dress up your garage, porch, basement, deck, pool cabana, new home, renovation, you name it, if it's concrete, they can cover it.

It's a multi-step process and can take anywhere from a day to 2 days depending on the size of the job, the floor being covered and of course the weather...and they can even do this in the winter! From beginning to end, it's a 10-step process that starts with grinding down the concrete to get a suitable surface to work with, it then continues with the clean-up from the grinding, onto the application of the various layers, and scraping down and building up the layers. What you are left with is a beautifully smooth, and esthetically pleasing floorspace.

Jaden and Mitchell are very knowledgeable and passionate about the services they offer and how the products they use will enhance your space. They will take you through the process to ensure you understand how the install will be done. Their goal is customer satisfaction, they will do what they need to do in order to make sure you are happy with the outcome of their job. From meeting and chatting with them, one can see they are hardworking, trustworthy, honest, and will do right by you... the customer.

You may be asking, what is the difference between a polyaspartic coating vs an epoxy coating:

Polyaspartic:

- is more durable than epoxy, and may last up to 20 years on your garage floor depending on how heavily used your garage is

- is stain resistant, durable and temperature resistant, UV resistant and

non-yellowing...it will not fade or peel with sun exposure.

There are pros and cons to both options, I did a quick Google search and sorted through the various websites and resources and have decided on polyaspartic for our porch. There's a wide variety of colour choices as well, to match just about anything, it's just hard to decide which to pick!

Check out their website at www.nextlevepoxytoronto.com and give them a call for more info at 647-967-8608.



[below] Before and After photos, and a photo of the boys.

THE SEASON OF SUMMER

A trip to the Cottage

Cottage season is upon us, and nothing screams summer more than cooking outdoors on a BBQ. Whether you are at the lake, the beach or your backyard, cooking up a delicious meal is the perfect way to spend a warm summer evening. In this article, I am going to share with you some delicious food I made while visiting friends at their cottage. On the menu, short ribs, chicken souvlaki, sausage, lemon garlic potatoes, and Greek salad.

Short Ribs

Short ribs are a crowd-pleaser and for a good reason. They are juicy, tender and delicious. Before my short ribs hit the grill I marinate them. I made a simple red wine marinade with a 1/2 cup of red wine, 2 tbsp of olive oil, 2 tbsp of soy sauce, 2 tablespoons of honey, 2 cloves garlic minced, 1 teaspoon of dried thyme, and 1 teaspoon of smoked paprika. Place the short ribs with marinade in a large plastic bag, seal and refrigerate for at least four hours or overnight.

Time to cook them. Preheat your grill to medium-high heat. Remove the short ribs from the marinade and discard the excess liquid. Put the short ribs on the grill and cook them for 6 to 8 minutes per side or until they are cooked to your desired level of doneness. Let them rest for a few minutes before serving.....So Good!

Chicken Souvlaki

Chicken souvlaki is perfect for summer grilling. The key to perfect chicken souvlaki is to marinate the chicken for at least four hours or overnight if possible. This will ensure that the meat is juicy and tender.

For the marinade, combine 4 tbsps olive oil, the juice of 1 lemon, 1 clove of garlic minced, 2 tbsp dried oregano, 1 teaspoon of dried thyme, salt and freshly ground pepper. Cut your chicken breast into minimum 1-inch cubes and place the chicken in a large plastic bag and pour the marinade in and mix it around to make sure all the meat is covered. Seal the bag and refrigerate for at least four hours or overnight.

Preheat your grill to medium-high heat. Remove the chicken from the marinade discarding the excess liquid. Thread the chicken onto skewers, and then it's time to get them on the grill. Don't overcook them,

and definitely don't undercook them. If you are unsure of your cook time, use a meat thermometer.

Sausage and Lemon Garlic Potatoes

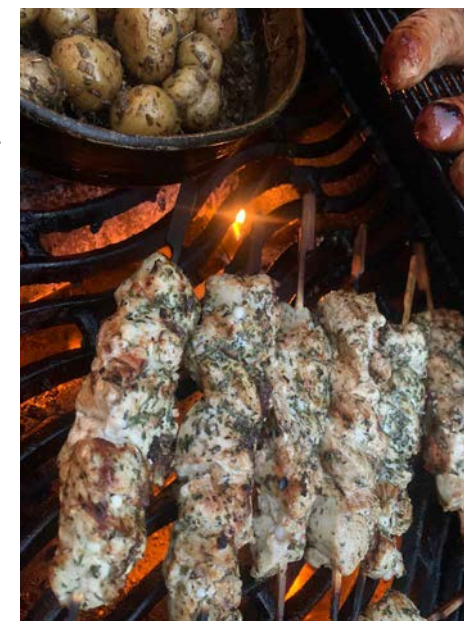
Sausage, well, this one is easy, buy your favourite links and get them on the grill.

Lemon Garlic Potatoes is a classic dish for me that is easy to prepare and always a hit. I have a special pan that I use for this recipe, a 10" round deep-dish pizza pan... it's perfect for this. I use red and yellow mini potatoes, wash them, and put them in the pan. Mix together 1/3 cup olive oil, 1 cup water, 3 cloves chopped garlic, 2 tbsp fresh rosemary coarsely chopped, 1 tbsp fresh thyme chopped, 1 chicken stock cube, and the juice of 1/2 a lemon. Make sure you break up the chicken cube well and mix throughout. Now pour that mixture over the potatoes. Depending on the size of your pan you will need to add more water to top it up. Get the water level to just below the top of the potatoes. Put them on the BBQ on med-high and cook until done. Make sure you check them and add water if it gets too low.

Greek Salad

No summer meal is complete without a fresh and flavourful Greek salad. This salad is easy to prepare and is the perfect side dish.

To make the salad, start by preparing the dressing. In a small bowl, whisk together 1/4 cup of olive oil, 2 tablespoons of red wine vinegar, 1 teaspoon of dried oregano, 1 teaspoon of Dijon mustard and a pinch of



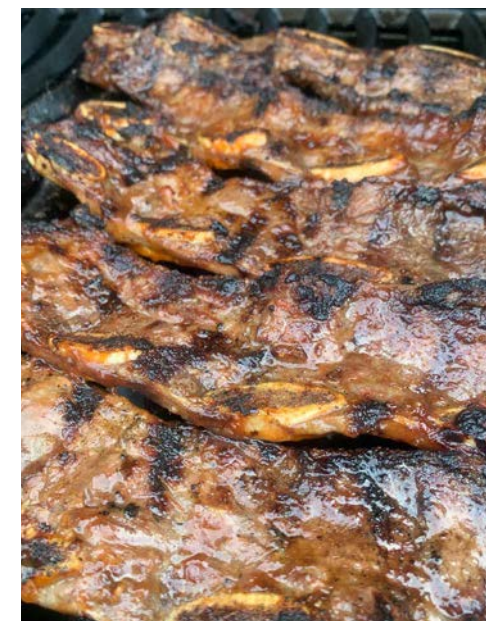
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salt and pepper.

In a large bowl, combine one chopped cucumber, one chopped red onion, a cup of halved cherry tomatoes, and a cup of crumbled feta cheese. Pour the dressing over the salad and toss everything together until it is well-coated.

Serve the salad alongside the short ribs, chicken souvlaki, sausage and garlic potatoes for a complete and delicious summer meal.

In conclusion, cooking outdoors at the cottage around the BBQ is a great way to enjoy the warm summer and create delicious meals for your family and friends. The best thing is... All of this was prepared before heading up to the cottage. So fire up the grill, grab some cold drinks and enjoy the summer season with good food and great company!



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GORDON LIGHTFOOT

Stouffville Musicians Pay Tribute to Canada's Bard

The death of Gordon Lightfoot on May 1 triggered a groundswell of tributes and tears from Canada and abroad as people of all ages mourned this country's iconic Canadian singer-songwriter whose music became a part of the tapestry of our lives for more than half a century.

A musician's musician, Gordon was held in the highest esteem by his peers. His songs have been covered by countless artists including Elvis Presley, Bob Dylan, Barbra Streisand, Anne Murray and Neil Young. "Every time I hear a song of his I wish it would last forever," Mr. Dylan once said. From Jimmy Buffet, a huge pop star in the 1970s and 80s: "If you think you hear a bit of Lightfoot in my music you're right," he admitted. "He was the greatness my mediocrity tried to imitate."

Here in Stouffville, 'Early Morning Rain: The Legend of Gordon Lightfoot', the touring concert starring Toronto's Musician of the Year Leisa Way & The Wayward Wind Band, played at 19 On the Park on May 19. The show was originally billed as "A Celebration of a Living Legend" when it was booked here earlier this year. It had played at the Orillia Opera House in Gordon's hometown five days after he died.

I reached out to Stouffville's two-time Juno Award nominee, Canadian Reggae Award winner and bestselling author Jason Wilson for his reaction to the passing of

the nation's noted troubadour/balladeer. "I was speaking to my mom on the phone and asked her if she had heard that Gordon had passed," Jason began. "She said yes, but that she didn't think she knew any of his songs." Jason proceeded to sing an assortment of Lightfoot tunes, with his mom acknowledging each one. "Now quite moved, my mom could only manage through her blubbing: 'I love him!' In the process of singing, I too had teared up. I realized at that moment how important he had been to me as a songwriter. And that's the thing about Gordon Lightfoot: His vast canon of Canadiana is so interwoven with our own individual narratives that we sometimes lose count and forget that these matchless songs have all come down to us from one solitary and irreplaceable source."

Mike Burns, a local singer and guitarist who has performed through the decades at countless venues throughout York and Durham Regions as well as at numerous charity events including the African Children Villages production at Massey Hall, told me he how he had grown up on Gordon's music. "His Canadian Railroad Trilogy and Don Quixote are masterpieces - in fact, most of his music is!" he said.

As a cover artist, Mike said it is important for him to have a broad repertoire of music. "With me being over 60, it has to include a good selection of Gordon Lightfoot tunes. I



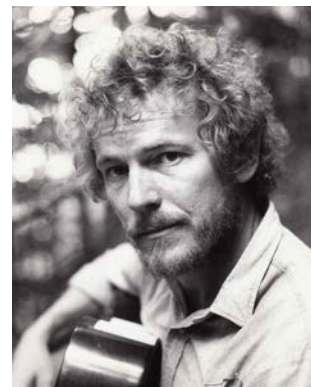
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often ask for requests at gigs, and I'm always asked if I can do 'The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald', or simply 'Can you do any Gord Lightfoot.' Gord's music gives me energy and a brilliant source of material to entertain folks in my own small way. What a great man and what a great Canadian."

Rick Lighfoot (no relation to Gordon), a folk music hobbyist who has played with Stouffville's noted Albert Street Four at countless events here in town through the decades, was a follower of the folk revival of the early 1960s. He vividly recalls the emergence of a new voice on the Toronto folk music scene back then. "A balladeer who performed locally, one whom I could see often on Yonge St. and in the Yorkville Village - Gordon Lightfoot. One who wrote his own material with songs about love and loss, historical events, and the majesty of Canada."

Rick said he became "a bit of a groupie" and from then on Gordon was his idol. "I took in many Gordie concerts over the next 60 years. For me, he single-handedly kept my love for the long faded folk genre alive over the past 6 decades."

Rick reflected upon the signature line from Don McLean's classic 1970s hit American Pie in mirroring the sentiments of many who mourned the loss of Gordon Lightfoot. "The news of his passing, as the song said, was 'the day the music died.'"



The passing of Canadian music legend Gordon Lightfoot on May 1 led to an outpouring of praise and a deep sense of loss from his legion of followers and fellow musicians alike.

MCINTYRE SHINES ON THE ICE, IN THE CLASSROOM

Stouffville product scores Ontario Hockey League's Roger Neilson academic award

When he wasn't scoring goals for the Oshawa Generals, Stouffville's Ryder McIntyre was netting great grades in his university classes. So much so that he is the 2022-23 recipient of the Roger Neilson Memorial Award presented annually to the Ontario Hockey League's Top Academic postsecondary student.

McIntyre achieved an overall average of 81 percent in studies at the University of Guelph, including a 100-percent grade in an introduction to marketing course and a 95-percent in human development. McIntyre's course load also included psychology and microeconomics.

That's on top of being at the rink from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. most weekdays for on and off-ice work. Games are played on weekends. Mondays are for rest.

What's the secret to acing your schoolwork while playing sports at such an elite level?

"It can be a long day, but the teams I've been on really preach going to school," McIntyre told OTR at his family's home just north of downtown Stouffville. "I enjoy both. Going to school helped me be more structured for hockey. One set me up for the other. "When I wasn't going to school, I found I was just loafing. But I like to be busy, not just playing video games."

That includes "finding time" for studying, be it at his billet's home in Oshawa or the public library near the Generals' downtown

arena.

Finances aren't an issue. All education costs for players, including tuition and books, are covered by their OHL teams. He thanked his parents for the guidance and the Generals for providing "the proper environment to make this possible."

The big - 6-foot-3, 221 pounds - 18-year-old had seven goals and 10 assists during 63 games between the Generals and the Sarnia Sting in 2022-23. He was acquired by the Generals from Sarnia on Oct. 20, 2022.

McIntyre, who attended Bill Crothers Secondary School in Unionville while living in Stouffville, began his online university courses last fall while playing in Sarnia.

"It's not a surprise to me that Ryder has won this prestigious academic award," said Generals Vice-President and General Manager Roger Hunt. "He is a young man that is very capable of prioritizing things and has a great work ethic. He works as hard in the gym, on the ice and in the classroom - a great formula for young people to follow if you want to succeed in life."

A third-round (51st overall) pick by Sarnia in the 2020 OHL U16 draft, McIntyre's top performance this past season came on Feb. 20 when he recorded a goal and two assists in a 10-7 win over the Niagara IceDogs. He began playing as a four-year-old, spending his first five years in the Whitechurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association. His pre-university marks were in the 90s.

[below] Ryder McIntyre of Stouffville celebrates a goal for the Oshawa Generals last season. [photo by Ian Goodall / Goodall Media]



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"Ryder has shown himself as a dedicated and conscientious student," said Generals Academic Advisor Tom Buchanan. "He has demonstrated the self-discipline and time management skills to combine a busy hockey schedule with the rigours of a university timetable."

The Roger Neilson Memorial Award is named in honour of the Hall of Fame Coach who served behind the Peterborough Petes bench in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Neilson, a former high school teacher, was a pioneer in stressing the importance of education to all of his players.

Interview over and Ryder's off to skate with Stouffville friends and fellow junior hockey players. This summer he'll continue workouts at BodySmith International in Gormley when he's not landscaping or working at a hockey school or a local golf course. And there's another university course to fit in. Gotta stay busy.

STOUFFVILLE IN 'THE O'

The Ontario Hockey League is the highest level of junior hockey played in the province. The OHL consists of 20 member teams, including 17 in the province of Ontario as well as three in the United States. Players are aged 16-20. Stouffville residents who played in the OHL during the 2022-23 season included:

Flint Firebirds: Coulson Pitre; Kaden Pitre

Mississauga Steelheads: Quinn Binnie

Guelph Storm: Michael Buchinger

Niagara IceDogs: Alex Assadourian

Oshawa Generals: Ryder McIntyre; Ryan O'Dell



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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. (noon) the Thursday prior to the meeting.

Upcoming Council Meetings:

- Wed. June 7 - 7 p.m.
- Wed. June 21 - 9 a.m.

Upcoming Public Meetings

(if required):

- Wed. May 31 - 7 p.m.
- Wed. June 28 - 7 p.m.

Residents may watch the meeting live online at townofws.ca/cmlives-tream.

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_town-hall](https://twitter.com/ws_town-hall).

Join our Council E-Newsletter at eepurl.com/cKPNg9 and receive meeting agendas and summary reports straight in your inbox.

MORE INFO:
townofws.ca/council

RECREATION

Stouffville Summer Camps!

July 4 – September 1, 2023

Join us this summer in our fun-filled summer camps! We have a wide-variety of camp programming for campers aged 4 – 13 years old. We are thrilled to continue offering many of our favourite camps this summer – with many new camps in our 2023 line up. Experience classic summer camp offerings, including Sports Camps, Arts Camps & Lego Camps – in addition to our new favourites: Outdoor Adventurers, Mini Campers, Tennis & Pickleball and more!

Please note our some camps are full, so register now to reserve your spot before they fill up! To register, please visit townofws.ca/camps

New! Commit to Fit Camp (10-14 Years)

Aug 14-18 9 am – 4 pm
Aug 21-25 9 am – 4 pm

Price: \$300
Location: Leisure Centre

This camp is designed to inspire self-confidence and happiness through movement. Campers will participate in multiple modes of physical activities, in a non-competitive environment, including cooperative games, yoga, indoor cycling, nature hikes and swimming. Other wellness topics covered include healthy eating habits and strategies to help self-regulate emotions, stress and anxiety for the preteen/teenager

55+ Programming

Register for the June 22nd, 11am, 55+ Herbal Tea Party Program. Enjoy freshly baked cookies and sample a variety of herbal teas in this tasty and healthy

workshop. Learn about the benefits flowers and plants can offer our bodies when we enjoy them in the form of tea. Cost of program is discounted for 55+ Club members.

55+ member activities are in full swing and available for members to join in at any time. To receive a calendar of weekly activities, visit the front desk of 6240 Main Street. From tap dancing to Bridge, painting to Mah-Jong, there is something for everyone.

June 55+ Registered Programs are open for registration. Join in a range of activities like evening Yoga for Relaxation and Baking Blitz or daytime programs like Forever Fit and Stepping Together. Keep active, healthy and happy.

MUSEUM EVENTS

Doors Open Whitchurch-Stouffville

Saturday June 3, 2023

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This family favourite event is back! Explore all corners of Whitchurch-Stouffville for FREE, from family activations to heritage buildings! Visit doorsopenontario.on.ca for more information.

The Museum is open:

Wed. - Thurs. 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.,
Friday 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. , and
Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

We continue to accept bookings for education programs group tours, and all types of rentals (including corporate rentals and weddings).

For more information on these services, contact (905) 727-8954 or wsmuseum@townofws.ca

MORE INFO:
townofws.ca/museum

19 ON THE PARK THEATRE

Patio Series - Conor Gains

June 16, 2023

Enjoy the ambiance of warm summer nights in the Civic Square, right in front of 19 on the Park, with live music, food, and a variety of drinks.

The series will kick off with Conor Gains, the 27-year-old singer and award-winning songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and producer. His music effortlessly synthesizes the unmistakable warmth of Classic Soul and Modern R&B, with the soaring melodies of Psychedelic Southern Rock and Pop, binding together the precision of an artist with an ear for Jazz.

This event is free to attend. Pre-registration for guaranteed seating is required. Standing room available to walk-in guests. This event is part of the Stouffville Celebrates series. The Patio Series: Conor Gains is proudly presented by telMAX.

Patio Opens 7:00pm, Show Begins 8:00pm
Register: townofws.ca/play/theatre/theatre-events/patio-series

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

Thursday, June 22, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Memorial Park

This event, presented by Indigenous Action Committee with multiple partners, will feature a variety of entertainment including traditional Indigenous drums and dancers, live music from Wildhorse (with more acts to be announced), speakers, crafts, vendors, as well as free authentic "Indian tacos" (while supplies last).

Join us in the park to celebrate the history and culture of the Indigenous people in York Region for what will be a fun-filled evening for ALL AGES!

ART IN THE PARK

Saturday June 10, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Memorial Park

Art and culture come alive at this annual art show and sale! Wander the park to revel in the talent of Artists from across Southern Ontario. The event will be complete with delicious food, beautiful live ambient music, and craft activities for the whole family.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Friday June 23, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Memorial Park

Formerly Food Truck Frenzy, Music in the Park is a free event which celebrates summer with live musical performances on stage in Memorial Park! This year's event will be headlined by Juno-Nominated Singer/Songwriter Aysanabee and will also spotlight music from a Steel Pan Trio. The event will feature a food truck alley with a variety of food options so you can enjoy dinner and a show!

RE-IMAGINE STOUFFVILLE: OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW UPDATE

The Town is updating its Official Plan and is seeking your input on how we plan and manage growth over the next 30 years. The new Official Plan will contain policies that promote the building of healthy, complete and sustainable communities which further the growth and economic development of the community, help protect farmland, and protect environmentally sensitive areas of the Town.

A revised Draft of the Town's New Official Plan will be presented to Council on June 21, 2023 and will be



New Tool to Help Residents Monitor Water Usage and Leaks

Stouffville is launching an online Water Watch Portal on May 29th to help residents monitor their water usage and avoid leaks. The portal offers features like leak alerts, usage identification, and historical data comparison. It's part of the town's Water Meter Replacement Program and will provide real-time data to help residents reduce consumption and bills. Visit townofws.ca/waterwatch to register.

STOUFFVILLE GET ACTIVE

Save the date for Stouffville Get Active June 17. Visit townofws.ca for more information.

posted for review and comment on the project webpage and the Council Agenda prior to the meeting: calendar.townofws.ca/council. It is anticipated that the final Draft Official Plan will be brought forward to Council for adoption in fall 2023.

Please visit cometogetherws.ca/opr to sign-up for our interested parties list, to receive notification of upcoming meetings, and the release of the revised Draft Official Plan.

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