

A taste of Hawaii on O'Brien Avenue

By KATE KILDERDALE
A little bit of Hawaii came to Stouffville on Saturday night — despite the nip in the air.

It was the second annual O'Brien Ave. street party — this year with a Hawaiian luau theme. And despite the uncharacteristically cool August weather more than 40 people

turned out for the event at the home of Hank and Sue Rattan.

On arrival each guest was given a lei to wear and Hawaiian print shirts were plentiful. Councillor Jim Sanders, awash in various colors, topped his outfit with a Strawberry Festival hat.

Graydon Card opted for more

restrained garb, sporting a T-shirt emblazoned with "O'Brien Bash 1987."

Stouffville Delicatessen supplied a whole suckling pig, complete with an apple in its mouth, which was roasted on an open fire prior to the party.

Everyone brought a dish as a contribution to the traditional luau meal. Following dinner, games were played and prizes awarded for best costumes.

Games included a hula-hoop contest and coconut toss. Prizes for best costume were won by Vera Lidster and Dan Neale, whose winning attire made unusual use of two coconut shells.

Souvenir T-shirts featuring a duck and a windsurfer proclaiming "O'Brien Luau 1988," were won by Lorna Luke and John Marshall.

Flo Neale, one of the organizers of the event, was a bit hazy on how the idea had originated, but she remembers discussing it with Vera Lidster, Sue Kea, Kitty Galt and Sue Rattan.

"It just came about," she said. "We plan to take turns every year and the next party will be at our house."

She's already working on next year's theme.

The Neales, who moved to Stouffville from the Bloor-Dufferin area of Toronto, would like to see the idea spread to other streets in town.

"You get to know your neighbors and you really look out for each other," Flo said.

The Neales feel very at home in Stouffville.

"The people are great and I love the atmosphere," she said. "Community events like this are one reason we enjoy Stouffville so much."



Organizers of the O'Brien Ave. bash gather around the fire. They are (from left) Sue Rattan, Kitty Galt, Sue Kea, Flo Neale, Vera Lidster and Norma Card. The second annual street party with an Hawaiian theme was hailed as a success by residents of the street.



Councillor Jim Sanders dazzled everyone with his attire at the O'Brien Ave. luau on Saturday night.

—Brent Lowery

Chamber sponsored

Trade show set to go next week

Some booths are still available for the annual Whitchurch-Stouffville Trade Show coming up Sept. 8-10, says Chamber of Commerce President Sue Myers. The event is held to showcase the products and services available from local businesses, Ms. Myers said in an interview.

It's organized by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce. Fifty-five booths will be set up at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Recreation Centre. "We try to promote business for our members," she said. "This is one way to get them

(merchants) together." It also gives the public a chance to see what is available in the Stouffville area, Ms Myers said.

She said that most merchants provide something free to the public and "we've asked them to (each) have a draw per day during the show."

Special events are also planned during the three-day event.

Fashion shows will be held on Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday afternoon — The Wedding Room at 7 p.m. both evenings and 2 p.m. Saturday; Josephine's Fashions and

Petites 8 p.m. both evenings and 3 p.m. Saturday.

In addition there will be a Karate display by the Fred Volare Studios at 1 and 5 p.m. Saturday and a children's drama presentation produced by Steve Payne's Little League Theatre at 4 p.m.

Child Find will also be there Saturday from noon to 3 p.m.

Parents can bring their youngsters to be photographed and finger printed.

The Chamber of Commerce will have a both selling Oc-

toberfest sausage on a bun and soft drinks and is also giving away — with the assistance of the Stouffville A&P store — a one-minute shopping spree.

Ms Myers noted that response to the upcoming show has been good, but said there are some booths left. For information give her a call at 640-6034.

The local Chamber of Commerce has 152 members.

The show will be open from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is free.

Council Briefs

Flying ace honored

Whitchurch-Stouffville's Captain Roy Brown is coming home — at least in the form of a painting showing him shooting down the famous Red Baron during a World War I dog fight.

Last week, town councillors voted to purchase the painting and donate it to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum. Markham resident Doug Warne spotted the painting in the United States and brought it to council's attention.

Mr. Warne suggested that the painting should hang in a prominent place at the high school. He also suggested that some momentos of the late Capt. Brown be acquired for the museum and has spoken to the former airman's daughter about it.

Surface treatment

A number of roads in Whitchurch-Stouffville will be treated to keep down the dust this fall.

These include the north end of William St., Pine St., Glad Park (north end extension), Bomar Rd., Joyce Blvd., Maple Grove, and the 7th Conc. from Bloomington Rd. to Vandorf.

Preston Lake work

The Preston Lake South Property Owners Association has been given the go-ahead to remove some trees and change the grade of the shoreline.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Council approved the work subject to adequate liability insurance for workers and permission from the Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

Recycling award

Whitchurch-Stouffville Council has nominated the Stouffville Recycling group for a Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority award. Councillor Jim Sanders suggested the nomination and it was approved by council last week.

More lots requested

Michael Wade appeared before the Planning Advisory Committee last week asking to create seven more lots at the Maples of Ballantrae.

Six lots will be connected to the existing cul-de-sac and the seventh is on the south edge of the property facing McCowan Rd.

On ordination issue

Area pastors disappointed at ruling

By KATE KILDERDALE
The United Church of Canada's decision to allow the ordination of homosexuals has been greeted with some disappointment by Stouffville area minister from other denominations.

"As a church we feel it is basically denying what the scriptures teach on that particular issue," commented Rev. Bob Fleming of Springvale Baptist Church.

"We feel it is a real setback for the church to adopt that policy," he added.

Last week the General Council of the United Church approved a resolution stating that all people — regardless of sexual orientation — who profess faith in Christ and obedience to him are eligible for ordination.

While unwilling to comment directly on the United Church's decision, Father Jim Adams at

St. Mark's Catholic Church reiterated his own church's position on the issue.

"The (Roman) Catholic teaching is that we consider homosexuality an unnatural perversion and against the law of God," he said. "We believe homosexuals should be treated with compassion and charity, but we feel it is sinful for them to indulge in homosexual behavior."

Said Rev. James Shantz of

Wideman Mennonite Church: "I guess my only comment would be that the church needs to carefully examine whether it is holding to the teaching of scripture. The issue is faithfulness to the scriptures."

Rev. Marlin Ressler of Heise Hill Brethren in Christ Church also took issue with the United Church's decision.

"I would not favor the decision," he said. "I would be very opposed to it."

His opinion was shared by Stouffville Missionary Church pastor Douglas Gray.

"We were quite disappointed with the way things went," he commented.

Rev. Wayne Reed of Stouffville United Church is away on vacation and was unavailable for comment.

Long term plan needed on sewer issue: King

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In addition to projects already allocated sewage capacity — all of them approved by a former administration — the town currently has only 132 units worth of capacity for future growth.

The Town has set aside 54 of those units for infilling within the current urban boundaries and wants the rest for future industrial growth.

But those plans could be scuttled if developers of the Dulverton area win their case at the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). They contend that because Dulverton paid for expansion of the plant several years ago, they should receive all the excess sewage capacity.

If Dulverton wins, then infilling and industrial development would be halted. Mayor Sainsbury said.

She said that it is out of the question to develop a large number of lots on septic tanks because of the potential environmental damage.

The mayor does not want to see underground water poisoned by nitrates and chlorides as has been the case in Ballantrae and Musselman's Lake.

She noted that Council is not expanding the urban development area but needs extra sewage capacity to fill out the areas already designated for development.

"We ran out of sewage before we ran out of land," she said. She's upset "that we can't get the chairman to set a date for discussion on the issue."

Mayor Sainsbury noted that a number of projects are on hold — including some that include affordable housing — pending the OMB decision.

She's sure if the matter came to a vote at Regional Council, she would have the support of a majority.

Mr. King insists that part of the problems is in Whitchurch-Stouffville's failure to revise its official plan to designate where

future growth should be.

He added that the region could have a meeting, but there would be no documentation on which to base a decision.

"Nothing can be done in the short term," he said. But in the long term Whitchurch-Stouffville will probably get its wish and hook into the Big Pipe or a sister sewage system that might be built to allow for enough sewage capacity to the year 2011.

Even if a trunk sewer was built from Stouffville to Markham for a Big Pipe hookup, land developers along the way must be considered as well, he said.

Other rural town's such as East Gwillimbury face the same problems as Whitchurch-Stouffville and a decision has to be made on how large such town's should be allowed to grow, Mr. King said.

"It's not a small question and it can't be addressed quickly," the regional chairman added.



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