

# Week of peace in Stouffville

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A bold new step towards global peace is being taken right here in Stouffville next week. Backed by the town officials and members of Stouffville's Baha'i Faith, a week of peace awareness for young and old is being launched.

Dubbed 'Peace Week', the seven-day event will be highlighted by demonstrations, a "peace bazaar", a film festival, a "peal for peace," and a survey among local residents regarding their hopes and beliefs in achieving world peace.

Stan Phillips, spokesman for Peace Week organizers, says a peace movement in Stouffville could result in active efforts elsewhere to further his group's peace initiatives.

And he's optimistic that world peace can be achieved. To that end, Peace Week will include an evening with noted peace activists Allan and Hannah Newcombe, who 25 years ago founded the Peace Research Institute.

The Newcombes have scientifically approached the peace question, researching the causes of war and demands of peace. "They have demonstrated that it is not just a subject in the realm of Utopian dreamers," said Phillips during a joint announcement of Peace Week with Whitechurch-Stouffville Mayor Fran Sainsbury.

Other activities planned during the week to encourage peace awareness include a peace wall for budding artists at Canadian Tire on Main Street, a presentation by local war veterans, a Peal for Peace at the town square, and a magic festival.

The Peace Bazaar will highlight presentations from globally recognized groups such as Amnesty International, UNICEF, Project Ploughshares and others.

"We want to encourage a greater belief that peace is possible," Phillips said.

Peace week kicks off Sept. 17.

# Bold garden plan in works

A modern-day equivalent of the Garden of Eden may soon take up residence in the town of Whitechurch-Stouffville.

The brainchild of Casey Van Maris, owner of Parklane Model Gardens in Gormley, it proposes future development for the Stouffville Road property which has been in the planning stages for the past five years.

Mr. Van Maris appeared before the town's planning advisory committee Sept. 6 to update members on his current goals.

And while realizing his plans to incorporate additional model gardens and estate development into his present operation are "ambitious," he's excited by the prospect.

"I want to make the front 10

acres as attractive as possible," he said.

Included in the development would be a gift shop and garden art gallery connecting a restaurant and banquet facilities designed in the style of Toronto's Old Mill. The latter would be situated above a pond and waterfall.

"I realize building this type of facility will take a great deal of money, but I'm hoping the estate lots will be sufficient to finance this project," he said.

Comprised of 87 acres in total, the development would include 28 estate dwellings on lots no less than two acres.

A meandering path through the front 10.8 acres delegated for highway commercial use would allow residents to walk, jog or ski.

Although 25 acres of the land is owned by the Widemans, who operate a well-known home bakery, Mr. Van Maris stressed this fact was taken into consideration before the proposal was put forth.

"I realize you can't just start something of this magnitude without consulting your neighbors first," he stated.

Exclusive country-type shops are planned for the land border-

ing their property. Mr. Van Maris indicated the project would probably commence with construction of some homes, combined with expansion of the model gardens. The restaurant and additional facilities would follow.

"I think it's a beautiful project that will be a good change from industrial growth," said Ward 6 Councillor Jim Sanders.

# Made for music

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after forming various groups, put together the group "Madcats," which achieved some success. They would win a Juno award with their first album release in 1977.

Since then, Grant has dabbled with his own releases and recordings with other groups although he has never really experienced the commercial successes he had in the 1960s and '70s.

But his time is filled working the live circuit. He plays alone or with his trio across Ontario, and has played locally at the Duchess of Markham, and recently at Greens Restaurant in Stouffville.

His Q107 radio show sees him play rock and blues selections, and occasionally he will perform live on the program with his guitar.

His current group, "The Grant

Fullerton Band" has been together for five years, and will be playing in Halifax soon.

He was recently approached by a Halifax film company to audition for the role of a rock performer in a soon-to-be-made Canadian film entitled "Vacant Lot."

"It's the same company that produced the Canadian entry in the Berlin Film Festival," he states. "I'd be playing the part of a burned out, aging rock star. I think I could handle it," he grins.

"I'm really excited about the film opportunity," he claims. "There are possibilities. It's a whole new field."

As for his other aspirations for the future, Grant hopes he will be able to continue to line up voice-over commercial work on radio and television.

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