

# Town gets ready to welcome Christmas season

The Stouffville community is being brought together this Friday night to celebrate the start of the Christmas season with the fourth annual Festival of Bells.

Celebrations get underway at 7 p.m., when Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Fran Sainsbury lights a Christmas tree in the town square.

A choir from Summitview Public School will sing a selection of Christmas carols, and members of the popular Music Mania chorus will offer their own melodic interpretation of the much-loved sounds of Christmas.

Master of Ceremonies Lorne Boadway will lead the community in a sing-along, and song sheets will be provided so everyone can join in, advises Sandra

Stronach, president of the Stouffville Business Improvement Area, which is organizing the event.

Christmas wouldn't be the same without good old Santa Claus, and the Tribune has managed to persuade him to take time out of his busy schedule to visit the Festival again this year.

He'll be handing out lots of candy canes, so be sure to bring the children.

"Stores will be offering refreshments and specials for the Festival during the evening," said Mrs. Stronach. "We hope people in town will get behind the downtown merchants. We're doing our best to make Christmas good for everyone so people will stay here to shop; we hope they'll try us first."

Both the Tribune and Homelife Real Estate will serve hot chocolate in the square to ward off the chill, and most stores will remain open until 9 p.m.

Many downtown stores are also planning to open on Sunday, Dec. 16 and 23 between 1 and 4:30 p.m. to accommodate Christmas shoppers.

Mrs. Stronach's store, Freckles, will be open every Sunday between now and Christmas, and she invites visitors to drop in and enjoy a cup of tea.

The Festival of Bells is a special community event for the whole family. Come out and enjoy a great evening with neighbors and friends, and get a jump on your Christmas shopping at the same time.



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