



Fashion in action at the Maples

Fashions for spring were on parade at the Spring Fashion Show for Heart at the Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club last weekend. Volunteer models like Norma Card, Carol Hume, Marty Bartley, Margaret Lacey, Christine Berry, Terri Forrester, Cathy Sutherland, Dr. Eileen Lougheed, Dr. Colette Pyselman, Sharon Brazier, Debbie Hargrave, Dr. Janice Li and Jeanne Major strolled through the crowd. Boutiques displaying the clothing included Freckles, Ken Felepchuk, Accent on You, Creative Treasures, Wild Flower, Victoria Ribbons, Charlinda Chocolates, Malibu Creative Fashions.

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Bandshell proposed for Thicketwood Park

"Give me... a little music out of doors."

That's exactly what a group of local citizens is trying to achieve as they presented local politicians this week with a proposal for a permanent bandshell in Thicketwood Park.

The Bandshell Proposal Committee (BPC), headed by Dr. Don Petrie, asked officials to approve the concept of establishing a permanent site for a multi-use bandshell so the group can continue to present a design, costing, funding and construction package.

Petrie said the idea of a bandshell in Whitchurch-Stouffville is not a new one and added the town has held numerous outdoor concerts at different locations

in the area since 1939.

In a 50-page report, the BPC lists more than 20 community events including Music Mania, Festival of Bells, Strawberry Festival, Sacred Music Night, and the Kinsmen Male Quartet which could make use of the bandshell. The group also lists more than 50 other school and individual achievements which have come to fruition through the art of music.

The group envisions the bandshell as a permanent shell-shaped, roofed and solid-sided structure with a 20 by 40-ft. floor area.

The structure would be designed for better sound projection and would channel sound away from surrounding homes. It would have a concrete base, metal

canopy with shutters in front to protect it from the elements.

The BPC estimates the bandshell construction costs would range from \$130,000 to \$150,000, but assured officials they are hoping to raise money from private enterprise and fundraising efforts.

The bandshell could be used as a venue for music, theatre and film and would be a cultural centre for York Region, an attraction to the town and would encourage new town musical efforts.

Officials supported the idea in principle and approved the Thicketwood location but made no commitment to funding.

- Tracy Kibble

Health

Three of four would recommend local hospital

JULIE CASPERSEN
Staff Reporter

rate Markham Stouffville
Hospital as an excellent facility.

- Three out of four patients

Based on a patient poll, the hospital is a benchmark facility in the overall care of its patients, with 76 per cent rating it as excellent.

The local results were compared to those of hospitals in the United States where the highest score for excellent overall care is 52 per cent.

Three hundred questionnaires were sent to patients who checked in and out of hospital last fall and the results released last week.

The survey, compiled by a U.S. health care research company, was geared toward a Canadian population and received a 71 per cent return rate.

When questioned about surprises during their hospital stay, 18 per cent said they experienced good ones, 14 per cent reported bad ones, 34 per cent had both good and bad surprises while another 34 per cent had none.

Four out of five patients would return to the hospital and recommend the three-year-old facility to family and friends.

Less than five per cent of those questioned would not

revisit the hospital.

Markham Stouffville Hospital received more excellent ratings than the benchmark hospitals south of the boarder in the areas of image, living and global satisfaction.

The hospital was below the average in the food served, marked as excellent by only 13 per cent of the patients, compared to a 51 per cent excellent rating by the top U.S. hospital tested.

This is the first patient viewpoint survey to be conducted in Canada.

The results will provide input from the people who use the hospital on what they consider as excellent as opposed to standards set by hospital administrators and staff, said quality assurance manager Arlene Kraft.

She said the hospital plans to send a second survey to patients this fall.



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