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Stores open here July 1 holiday

Stores will be open in Stouffville on Canada Day (July 1).
Whitchurch-Stouffville is exempt from the Holiday Act which prohibits most retail outlets from opening.
Town clerk Michele Kennedy reminds consumer and business owners alike that stores can be open on Canada Day here in Stouffville.
Whitchurch-Stouffville was granted an exemption from the act in 1995 because of Strawberry Festival, Kennedy explained.

Local merchants have been calling the town office expressing concern after reading stories in newspapers that the Retail Business Holiday Act is in effect in municipalities across Ontario. Kennedy stressed that some stores may open in municipalities which have enacted bylaws, in accordance with the act, permitting them to do business for tourism purposes.

The beer store will be closed, but open later than usual on June 30.

Waste depot plans go back to region level

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now. All kinds of garbage is being dumped there illegally at night. The residents are worried that this (waste depot) will attract even more illegal dumping," said Emmerson.

The mayor plans to speak to the appropriate regional staff about the garbage dumping problem.

If the hazardous waste facility gets the green light, waste from both Whitchurch-Stouffville and Newmarket will be housed there.

"Yes, there are questions about why the Newmarket waste would be coming here," said Emmerson.

Before a regional facility can be built here, the plan must under go public scrutiny and be approved by Whitchurch-Stouffville council, stressed Emmerson.

The issue will be presented to the public and to council on September 9.

Presently, household waste, which includes paints, pesticides and oil, are taken to mobile collection units which are set up for a few days once a year at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Recreation Complex.

Stationary depot are viewed as not as costly, more convenience and safer. Also, they're overseen by the Ministry of the Environment.

Last year, 927 vehicles dropped off hazardous waste at the mobile unit in Stouffville, while 2,945 vehicles dropped off hazardous waste at a mobile unit in Newmarket.

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When the Corner House in Stouffville opened eleven years ago, lovers of fine food were quick to appreciate their innovative menus and meticulous attention to quality and detail.

In addition to regular menu items, the Corner House also features special events throughout the year. "We've been doing a Lobster Fest in June, July and August since we opened and it's been our most popular special event," says Manager, Jennifer Pennanen.

As always, live lobsters will be flown in from the east coast for the next festival, which runs June 24 - June 29th and for which reservations are strongly recommended. "We sold about 200 lobsters at the last event, in addition to our regular menu items."

This is something a lot of people seem to enjoy - they particularly like the fact that it's flown in fresh and cooked here.

"We cook it four different ways; steamed, broiled or in one of two sauces,

Lobster, Bonne Femme and Lobster Thermidor." The restaurant also features periodic special events with the emphasis on international specialties including Italian, Cajun, Jamaican and Indian cuisine.


An Elizabethan feast, which is held each fall, attracts clients from a wide area. Outdoor barbecues are another customer favorite, and Pennanen and her staff will once again barbecue a giant hip of beef during this year's Strawberry Festival. "The quality of food here is always well above average and our prices are reasonable," Pennanen said.

"We have a fully stocked bar and a good selection of wines from different countries and we've just redecorated and renovated the restaurant." Rich hues of blue and plum lend a touch of European sophistication to the ambiance, without detracting from the restaurant's country house charm.

The upper level features framed posters of jazz greats, while original paintings by area artists are displayed on the walls downstairs. "We're featuring different artists every couple of months and the paintings are for sale."

Pennanen is an attentive and genial host, stopping at each table to chat to her guests, ensuring that everything is to their liking and exchanging friendly banter. "I try to make it feel as comfortable as I can, because I want everyone to come back again."

To make reservations for the Lobster Festival, call 640-8494.



Manager Jennifer Pennanen shows off one of the wine features of the Corner House. Photo: SJOERD WITTEVEEN

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