

May Day, May Day ... fun ahead

Excitement and family fun will be the highlight of the May Day celebrations, set for Stouffville's Memorial Park this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Now in its second year, the Stouffville event is aimed at helping residents meet new people.

The initiative of York South Association for Community

Living and the Stouffville Hospitality Project, May Day is a day for caring and sharing. This event will include face painting, live entertainment and May pole dancing.

Residents can munch on refreshments while being entertained by the Glad Park student choir and the African Caribbean Association drum band.

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Dates of Seminar

Tuesday, May 16th

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Money Concepts Boardroom
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(Note: Seating is limited to 15 people)

OR

Thursday, May 18th

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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'Grind rails, Catch air' at park Saturday

Stouffville's going Over the Edge on Saturday. Weather permitting, the Over the Edge skateboard park will re-open May 6.

This afternoon, Whitchurch-Stouffville council will be reminded that kids are expected to turn out to "grind the rails, catch some air or hang 10".

The town's Community and Leisure Services department is making improvements to the park, located at Thicketwood Park.

The skateboard ramp is undergoing a facelift this week with material called Skatelite. The town hopes to have the new surface installed by Saturday.

Over the Edge cost \$83,781 to build. The grand opening, held on Canada Day, was attended by boarders, riders and bladers and hundreds of onlookers.

Local teens and pre-teens lobbied the town for a skateboard facility for years. The skateboarders had become discouraged after being chased from one location to another, said facility advocate Ward 6 councillor Judy Scala.

Access to the new sports facility is affordable, Scala pointed out. A season's pass cost \$50, while a daily pass costs \$3. As well, a \$1 an hour rental rate applies for short-time users.

Safety rental equipment, including helmets, elbow and knee pads are also available.

Farmer's market returning soon

Newmarket's downtown core is expected to be a hub of activity with the resurrection of a farmer's market on Timothy Street.

The market, featuring locally grown fresh produce, baked goods and crafts, will be held on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Timothy Street, just east of Main Street, from May 27 until the end of October.

The market will showcase about 30 vendors initially but will gradually expand, said Joe Sponga, a member of the North Newmarket Lions Club which is helping with improvements to the downtown.

Sponga said Newmarket's Main Street Committee decided to revive the old farmer's market, which was a huge source of trade until the 1940s, to draw people back to Main Street.

"Demographically, the town has been changing. We have a lot more young families moving here. But we're finding, on weekends, they'll pack up and go to St. Jacobs," Sponga said.

"But we have the same setting here — it's just a matter of providing things for people to do."

For more information, call Sponga at 830-9895.

Church may also be built on site

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"Our cemeteries are like parks," he said. "There's grass. We plant many trees. It'll be well fenced. It's a lot better for a community than something industrial or commercial."

The Archdiocese has owned the land, totalling 406 acres, for more than 20 years. Currently, the property is rented for agricultural use.

While there are no immediate plans to build a church on site, the Archdiocese of Toronto wants permission to include a place of worship should the need arise.

As well, the application includes a chapel, service buildings, administrative offices and reception facilities.

According to Whitchurch-Stouffville planning director Tom Parry, the cemetery will be a regional facility designed to meet the needs of existing and future communities and surrounding areas containing Catholic parishes.

The archdiocese's only local cemetery at St. John Cemetery in Newmarket is expected to be full in about five years.

There will be room for ground burials in the new Stouffville facility for "many hundreds of years," said Hayes. "It will take a long time to fill up."