

SPECIAL EVENTS

SUNDAY, DEC. 31

Enjoy a casual and enjoyable evening in the clubroom of the Royal Canadian Legion, Ninth Line, Stouffville, with music by Larry Goguen and Tim Hewie starting 9 p.m. Hot & cold buffet costing \$12.50/person will be served after midnight. All welcome.

DEC. 27 & 28

Come and be dazzled by the Ballet Jorgen's exquisite production of THE NUTCRACKER at the Markham Theatre, 171 Town Centre Blvd. For time and costs, please call (905) 305-SHOW.

FEB. 14 - 17

MARKHAM LITTLE THEATRE presents The Sisters Rosenzweig by Wendy Wasserstein at 8 p.m., 171 Town Centre Blvd. Tickets \$19.00, seniors & students \$16 on Thursdays. Call (905) 305-SHOW.

REGISTRATIONS

Creative corner registration, Jan. 11 from 9:30 a.m. at the Centennial Community Church, 8176 McCowan Road, for classes Jan. 18 to March 18 for tote painting, cake decoration, paddington bear, exercise & sewing a denim purse. Call 475-7695 or Sandra McGaw at 294-5314.

MONDAY, JAN. 8

The Learning Disabilities Association of York Region registration for the social skills program is held from 4:30-8:30 p.m. First come, first serve. For more information, call (905) 884-7933.

FOR CHILDREN

Homeschool Association offers fun, fellowship and instruction in age appropriate groups (ages 5 to 15). Register your child/children for a full day interactive program. Registrations are being accepted until Jan. 8, 2001. Community newsletter also available. Call (905) 953-9604.

JAN 2 THRU JAN 5

Art Break (9:30 a.m. - noon) at the Latham Gallery. Children will learn new skills, get creative and have fun with artist Julia Hanks. Sign up for one day or come to all four. One day \$15 for gallery members, \$18 for general. All four days \$50 for gallery members, \$60 for general. Registration required. Call (905) 640-8954.

MONDAYS

Chess Club is being offered Mondays, 6:15-7:45 p.m. for ages six-12 at the Markham Community Library. For further details, please inquire at the Children's Desk.

SATURDAYS

Chess Club for ages 6-12 held Saturdays January 13 - March 3 from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Unionville Library. Fee is \$50 for eight weeks. Registration begins Dec. 6 at 9:30 in person. For more info, call (905) 477-2641.

THURSDAYS

Mandarin Language Fun for ages 3-5 held Thursdays, January 11 - March 1 from 9:45-10:30 a.m. Fee is \$28 for eight weeks. Registration begins Dec. 6 at 9:30 in person. For more info, call (905) 477-2641.

EVERY TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAYS

Pre-School Storytime, ages 3-5 on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. or Wednesdays from 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Markham Community Library, 6031 Hwy. 7. Join us for a fun time of stories, finger games, rhymes and more.

CLINICS

Addiction Services for York Region runs a program for problem gamblers and their families. We offer assessment, seminars, and ongoing support groups and can make presentations to groups on demand. All services are free and confidential. Call 905-841-7007, ext. 322 or 1-800-263-2288, ext. 322 or ext. 328 for details.

FOR SENIORS

MILLIKEN ON THE MOVE OLDER ADULTS, 55+, meets every Sunday 1:30-4pm and every Wednesday 11am-2pm at the Milliken Mills Community Centre, 7600 Kennedy Road. For more info and membership fees, please call Jennifer at (905) 294-5111.

CLUBS

Euchre, every Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. at Markham Lawn Bowling Clubhouse, 28 Franklin St. 12 games, prizes, 50/50 draw, tea and goodies. Come out and have a fun time. Call Frances at 294-0672 for info.

MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3

MUSIC MANIA holding its general meeting and sign-up 7:30 p.m. at the Stouffville United Church, lower auditorium. All former and new maniacs are encouraged to attend. No experience necessary.

Free support group for Xtra large women. Join like-minded women who are making positive physical and emotional life changes. Group meets every Sunday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Markham. Call Sandi, 294-2786 for details.

SUPPORT & SEMINARS

TUESDAYS

The LABRYUT WELLNESS CENTRE, 1003 Steeles Ave. W., presents Aging with purpose and joy, if not now, then when? Tuesdays Jan. 9 thru March 13 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the culture room. Cost is \$35 for 10 weeks. To register, call Joan Turner at (416) 225-2112, ext. 126.

York Region Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Support Group being offered for youth 26 years and under meets the first and third Monday of each month from 7 - 9 p.m. For more information, call the lesbian, gay, bisexual youth line at 1-800-268-YOUTH.

At the Baby Place, Public Health Nurses offer parents support and information on topics such as breastfeeding, baby care, infant nutrition and community resources. No appointment needed. Call 1-800-361-5653.

Perinatal Bereavement Services Ontario (PBSO) is holding self-support group meetings for Markham area families who have suffered a pregnancy loss or newborn death.

The organization holds sessions every second and fourth Thursday of the month at PBSO's head office, 6060 Hwy. 7 in Markham. For newcomers, pre-registration is requested by calling PBSO at 905-472-1807. Sessions run from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and are free.

If you are a mother with a baby up to six months old, come meet other moms for six postnatal classes offered by Public Health Nurses at different locations throughout York Region. For information and how to register (\$15) Call (905) 895-8004 or 1-800-361-5653.

THURSDAYS

Come join a group for young mom-to-be, new moms and their children. Meetings held Thursdays 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the Milliken Mills Community Centre, 7600 Kennedy (at Dennison). Contact Cheryl Neave at (905) 471-1620.

VOLUNTEERS

The Baycrest Centre needs gentle, patient and caring volunteers to visit and provide comfort and socialization for palliative care patients and their families. Second languages are always an asset. Call Helpmate at 1-800-363-2412.

Wildcare Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre in Woodbridge needs volunteers to assist with animal care and feeding. Helpers are also needed for monthly fundraising bingos held in Aurora. Call Helpmate at 905-884-3839.

Ontario March of Dimes needs volunteers to befriend an adult with physical disabilities and to provide support in the area of hobby, special interest or other activities. A volunteer is also needed to help with the recycled rental equipment program. This consists of making calls from your home. Call Helpmate at 905-884-3839.

Canadian Diabetes Association needs volunteers to help in Richmond Hill office, help with the newsletter, speak at schools and man volunteer booths. Call Helpmate at 905-884-3839.

The Big Sisters of York need volunteer board members, bingo helpers, student volunteers for special events, and big sisters to spend quality time with a little sister. Call Helpmate at 905-884-3839.

The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation needs volunteers with good communication skills and advanced MS Word and Excel to help in their Markham office. Flexible hours, Monday to Friday. Please call Helpmate at (905) 884-3839 or 1-800-363-2412.

CHATS is in need of transportation drivers in Markham and Unionville. Meals on Wheels drivers are needed in Unionville to deliver meals every second week. Please contact Leanne Evans at 1-877-452-4287, ext. 6013.

The Stouffville Spirit Junior A Hockey Club needs volunteers for game nights (Thursdays) at the Recreation Complex in Stouffville. Call 642-2123.

Book Sale Committee of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library is looking for volunteers to work at the book sale in early March 2001. If you are interested in helping please call Vivienne Richards at 640-9119 or Ileana van Mans at 887-3214.

Help an adult with a communication disorder learn basic computer skills such as e-mail and keyboarding. Stouffville area. Call Helpmate at (905) 884-3839.

Kind, sensitive volunteers with good communication skills are needed to visit isolated seniors in their own homes. The VON needs your help if you live in Markham. Call Helpmate at (905) 884-3839.

POWER LINES AND LADDERS DON'T MIX

With every ladder or long object used near power lines, there is danger. Metal ladders conduct electricity. So do many other materials and objects. Always look up and never swing or position long objects near overhead lines.

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