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## SPECIAL EVENTS

TO JULY 1

Annual Stouffville STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL at Franklin Park, Latham Hall, Memorial Park, Lebovic Leisure Centre, Civic Square and Main Street. Music, ball tournament, parade, swimming, baby contest, spelling bee, dance demonstrations, pet contest, bowling, comedy show, sacred music and more. For up-to-date itinerary check out [www.strawberryfestival.ca](http://www.strawberryfestival.ca)

JUNE 29, 30

Magic: The Gathering Tournament at Stouffville Country Market for kids 13 and younger on Saturday, June 29 at noon, then an all ages Magic tournament Sunday, June 30 at noon; DragonBall Z tournaments for all ages both days at 10:30 a.m.; a Mage Knight Battle Royale June 29 at 2:00 pm. Learn to play the Lord of the Rings CCG June 30 at 2:00 pm. All at the Card-Zone.com booth at the Stouffville Country Market. E-mail [info@card-zone.com](mailto:info@card-zone.com), phone 416-729-9410 or drop by the Card-Zone booth for more information.

JUNE 30 AND JULY 1

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Historical Society will host walking tours of Church Street, Stouffville during this weekend's Strawberry Festival, Sunday and Monday. The walks leave the Franklin Park Marquee at 2:30 p.m. Call (905) 642-0342. (The festival program incorrectly lists the walk as only taking place Sunday.)

MONDAY, JULY 1

Markham CANADA DAY festivities at Milne Park, McCowan Road south of Hwy. 7: parade at 3:30 p.m. starting at Heritage and McCowan Roads, flag raising, entertainment, kung fu demonstrations, face painting, and snacks. Fireworks at dusk. Park vehicles at Markville Shopping Centre and take the shuttle bus to the park.

Stouffville CANADA DAY festivities, as part of the annual Strawberry Festival. Cake at Franklin Park Marquee at 9 p.m., fireworks 9:45 p.m. at Memorial Park.

Canada Day TEDDY BEAR RUN with the York Durham Heritage Railway. Bring your teddy bear for a train ride; children 12 and younger

free when accompanied by their teddy. The train leaves Stouffville Train Station at 12:30 p.m. For more information and fares call 905-852-3696.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

URBAN FISHING FESTIVAL at Toogood Pond, in Unionville from noon to 3 p.m. Contests, prizes and demonstrations. For more information call Karen Boniface at 905-477-7000, ext. 270.

SUNDAY, JULY 7

The Markham Garden and Horticulture Society's Bi-Annual Garden Tour from noon to 3 p.m. This year featuring seven gardens in Markham and Unionville. Tickets available at Kate's Garden or Dig This at \$8, including refreshments. Refreshments served at Milne Park between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. For more information, call Moyra at 905-947-9645.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

The Legacy of the White Pine, an informative hike through the Hollidge Tract of the York Regional Forest. In celebration of the bicentennial of Whitchurch-Stouffville. Tours start at 6 or 6:45 p.m. outside the Forest Education Office at the Hollidge Tract, east side of Hwy. 48 between Aurora and Vivian roads, across from Cherry St. Pre-registration required. Call 1-888-290-0337.

## NOTICES

Stouffville GO tickets: Although GO tickets will still be sold at Stouffville's Train Station, they will no longer be sold by Whitchurch-Stouffville Mobility Transit Inc. Mobility Transit thanks riders for their support.

## EXHIBITIONS

TO JUNE 30

Unveiling, an exhibit of classical and contemporary Iranian art takes place at Kathleen Gormley Art Centre, 197 Main St., Unionville. Hours: Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sundays noon to 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 7

Master Hiroshi Yamamoto will demonstrate traditional Japanese decorative painting and gold leaf techniques and black ink brush painting from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Frederick Horsman Varley Art Gallery, 216 Main St., in Unionville. Free with general admission.

TO JULY 22

Communications, an exhibit of 27 paintings

by clients of York-Durham Aphasia Centre, presented in partnership with Latham Gallery, Stouffville. Runs at Maple Health Centre, 10424 Keele St., Maple, seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## PLACES OF WORSHIP

CHURCH CLOSING

Toronto Christian Disciples Church which normally meets at Ebenezer United Church premises on Sunday afternoons is being dissolved effective June 30. Any queries should be directed to 3 Burr Cr., Markham, L3R 9B9.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

The Stouffville Ministerial Association is hosting a Community Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. in conjunction with the Strawberry Festival. Location: a tent in the field by the road leading to the Lebovic Leisure Centre. The offering proceeds used to support Evergreen Hospice. Everyone welcome.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Adventures in Odyssey in Search of Champions at Centennial Community Church at 8176 McCowan Rd., south of Hwy. 7. Grades JK-6. No charge. Storytime, singing, action games, crafts, snacks. Call Mary McDermid at 905-475-7695 ext. 21 to register.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Son Canyon River Adventure at St. James Presbyterian Church on Main St., Stouffville from July 15 to 19 from 9:15 a.m. to noon. For ages 4 1/2 and up. Call Heather VanderVeen to register at 905-640-0906.

## ADULT INTERESTS

ONE PARENT FAMILIES ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

Markham chapter hosts monthly fund-raising dances. All are welcome, especially single parents. The chapter also has a general meeting on the third Wednesday of each month, at 8 p.m. Single parents and prospective members are welcome. For more information, contact Jim at 416-286-4471 or Ross at 905-763-1950.

YORK SINGLES

A York Region social group dedicated to providing opportunities for singles to meet new friends and socialize in a variety of settings. Hiking, euchre, bridge, movie nights, house parties and dinners out. Call 905-737-8541,

visit [www.yorksingles.com](http://www.yorksingles.com) or e-mail: [yorksingles@aol.com](mailto:yorksingles@aol.com).

SINGLE HORIZONS

A multi-activity social and outdoor activity club for singles has the goal to get people more active in the community and outdoors. Call 905-471-7843 for membership or visit [www.singlehorizons.com](http://www.singlehorizons.com).

HI FIVE O MARKHAM

A social club for people over 50. Enjoy various outings: dining, theatre, movies, hiking, art galleries, museums, craft and antique shows, camping and cottage life. Call 905-201-0624 or 905-471-2785.

EUCHRE

Alternate Fridays at Markham District Veterans Association (7 Washington St.), Markham at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person which includes prizes, lunch, tea and coffee. Call Glen at 905-294-5871 for details.

FIDDLERS AND FRIENDS

The Markham Village Strathspey and Reel Society meets every second and fourth Saturday, at the Olde Markham Village Train Station, Markham Road north of Hwy. 7, from noon to 2 p.m. Open to players and accompanists of all levels. Contact Phil at 905-294-1141 or e-mail [phil@howesitgoing.com](mailto:phil@howesitgoing.com).

## THEATRES/CONCERTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

SACRED MUSIC FESTIVAL held in conjunction with Strawberry Festival Week at Stouffville United Church at 8 p.m. Free-will offering.

## CLUBS

RECREATIONAL CLUB

Markham/Unionville singles, aged 50 and up interested in exploring the outdoors, cycling, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, camping and cross-country skiing, are invited to form a club. Call Heather at 905-471-4723.

LAWN BOWLING

Markham Lawn Bowling Club at 28 Franklin St. welcomes new members. Free instructional bowls available. Playing time from May to October, days and/or evenings. Call John at 905-201-1925.

LAWN BOWLING

New and regular bowlers welcome at Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club, behind the

clock tower. Free instructional bowls are available. For details, call Doris Farthing at 905-640-3272 or Audrey Gibson at 905-640-1751.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

SATURDAY, JULY 6

Children's writer Pauline Cormier will read her book at Oxford Learning Centre at 11 a.m. Participatory and interactive storytelling for children from three to 10 years with adult. Takes place at 5005 Steeles Ave. E., Unit 213 (at Brimley). Free, but space is limited. Register at 416-321-1646.

## VOLUNTEERS

HOST PROGRAM

Can you reach out and be a friend to a new immigrant? For only two hours a week at your convenience, you can give the gift of friendship to a new immigrant. Call Fatemeh at 905-770-7040 ext. 226.

MARKHAM MUSEUM

Public programming volunteer needed to assist the program co-ordinator one day a week in the set-up and running of programs and orientation sessions. Volunteers must be 19 and older. For more information, call the Helpmate Volunteer Bureau at 905-884-3839, 1-800-363-2412 or e-mail [helpmate@volnetmmp.net](mailto:helpmate@volnetmmp.net).

UNIONVILLE HOME SOCIETY

Help with weeding, gardening and watering, gardening and watering. Also needed: friendly visitors and special event team helpers. Call Helpmate Volunteer Bureau at 905-884-3839, 1-800-363-2412 or e-mail [helpmate@volnetmmp.net](mailto:helpmate@volnetmmp.net).

YORK DURHAM APHASIA CENTRE

Caring, kind and enthusiastic volunteers needed in the Stouffville area to work in several programs with adults with communication loss. Call Helpmate Volunteer Bureau at 905-884-3839, 1-800-363-2412 or e-mail [helpmate@volnetmmp.net](mailto:helpmate@volnetmmp.net).

EVERGREEN HOSPICE

Volunteers needed to provide care and support in the Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville areas to individuals dealing with a life-threatening illness and their families. Call 472-5014 or visit [www.evergreenhospice.org](http://www.evergreenhospice.org).



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