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## SPECIAL EVENTS

**JULY 19-21, 26-28**

Thirteenth annual GREEK SUMMER FESTIVAL at 11359 Warden Avenue (north of Major MacKenzie Drive) in Markham. Free parking, Greek music, dancing, food. Hours: 5 p.m.-1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays, noon-midnight Sundays. For more information call 905-887-7311.

**JULY 20-21**

Seventh annual ART IN THE PARK, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day at Markham Museum and Historic Village, Hwy. 48 north of 16th Avenue. Silent auction, more than 130 artists from across the province exhibiting their work, falconry demonstrations, caricature artist, Kreative Kids area. Proceeds support the museum and York Region Celebration Of The Arts. Admission \$5 for adults, children/seniors \$3.

**SUNDAY, JULY 21**

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 1 or 1:45 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. Free, but pre-registration required. Call 1-905-727-8954 or 1-888-290-0337.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Epilepsy Ontario believes developing sensitivity towards people of different cultural backgrounds allows counsellors and physicians to better care for their patients. If you would like to share information that you believe would be useful, contact Puja at [research@epilepsyontario.org](mailto:research@epilepsyontario.org) or 905-764-5099. All information remains anonymous.

Family reunion for the Haviland family, its 107th. To be held at Backus Heritage Conservation Area near Port Rowan, Ontario on July 27. Captain John Haviland, a United Empire Loyalist, moved from New York and settled near Brantford in 1803. For information, call David Haviland at 519-652-5995 or e-mail [haviland@ican.net](mailto:haviland@ican.net).

## EXHIBITIONS

**TO JULY 22**

Communications, an exhibit of 27 paintings by clients of York-Durham Aphasia Centre, presented in partnership with Latcham Gallery, Stouffville. Runs at Maple Health Centre, 10424 Keele St., Maple, seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**TO AUGUST 10**

Ukiyo-e, Inside the Floating World, an exhibit of Japanese woodblock prints at the Frederick Horsman Varley Art Gallery of Markham, 216 Main St., Unionville at Carlton. Guided and group tours available. In association with the exhibit, feature films by Akira Kurosawa with special introduction by Lou Bradizza, University of Dallas, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. will be shown on Thursday, July 18. Free with general admission.

## MARKHAM MUSEUM

**SUMMER DAY CAMP**

A program for 7 to 10-year old children. Includes snacks, T-shirt, field trips and/or special guests. \$150 per week. Pre-registration required. Call 905-294-4576.

**ALL SUMMER**

Costumed staff demonstrate life in our village, Tuesdays through Fridays. Visit 19th and 20th century homes and businesses.

**TO OCTOBER 15**

From Crystals to Gems, on loan from the Canadian Museum of Nature. A number of activities for all ages related to this exhibit are planned. Call 905-294-4576 for information.

**ONGOING**

Faces and Places in Markham's History. The interactive exhibit traces the history of Markham from Native pathways to the present.

## WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS

**JULY 24**

A series of workshops for newcomers to Canada, sponsored by Citizenship and Immigration Canada: Parenting-Nutrition, Student Assessment and Evaluation and Orientation to Resources in York Region. All held at Aldergrove Public School, 150

## OBEAH SPINS MUSICAL MAGIC IN UNIONVILLE



Sunday's Unionville Summer Concert Series performance features the rock sounds of Obeah. Group members Rob Gates (bass, left), Fil Krstevski (drums), Brendan Seale (guitar/vocals) and Scott Bynoe (guitar) take the stage 2 p.m. at the Millennium Bandshell, Main Street (old Kennedy Road) and Fred Varley Drive.

Aldergrove Dr., Markham from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. For information and registration call 905-731-8281.

**SATURDAY, JULY 20**

A dovetailed steel plane seminar demonstrates traditional hammering of steel dovetails on the anvil. Runs at 86 Ringwood Dr., units 37/38 in Stouffville, from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$2.00. Proceeds to St. Vincent DePaul Society. To register call 905-640-0440 or e-mail [myman@tooljunkie.com](mailto:myman@tooljunkie.com).

**TUESDAY, JULY 23**

Stress, anxiety and irritable bowel syndrome part of the Understanding Anxiety series, presented by Markham/Stouffville Hospital Mental Health System from 3 to 4 p.m. To register, call 905-472-7011.

**JULY 29 TO AUG. 2**

A group of Chinese immigrant teenaged girls, 17 to 19 living in York Region and preparing for university/college meets every day at CICS Markville Shopping Centre office (5000 Hwy. 7 E, Markham) from 10 a.m. to noon. Topics include campus life, dating, healthy style, before and after course selection and sharing, feedback and evaluation. Call 905-474-1275 or 416-292-7510 ext. 208 for registration and details.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 6**

Obsessive-Compulsive disorder, part of the Understanding Anxiety series, presented by Markham/Stouffville Hospital Mental Health System from 3 to 4 p.m. To register, call 905-472-7011.

**IN SEPTEMBER**

Markham/Stouffville Family Life Centre adult group programs on anger management, single again, assertiveness training, resolving marital conflict, stress management, eating disorders, parenting skills. For more information, call Donna Cowan at 905-415-9719.

## EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOPS

**JULY 23-25**

Job search workshop for immigrants from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 7170 Warden Ave., unit 15, Markham (southwest corner of Warden and Denison). Free. To register, call 905-770-7040 ext. 234, 236, or 238.

**FOCUS FOR WOMEN**

Focus is a new 2-week workshop for women who are thinking about getting back to work but aren't sure how and where to start. It focuses on self-discovery/assessment, job searches and goal setting. Fun, action-packed workshops as well as one-on-one coaching and networking with other women are all part of the program, funded by HRDC and delivered by the York Region District School Board. Call 905-737-9522 ext. 348.

**JOB SKILLS**

Laid off? Downsized? Need work? If you can't find a job, and are eligible to collect Employment Insurance (E.I.) or have collected E.I. in the last three years, or maternity/parental benefits in the last five years, call Job Skills. Free services. Call 905-

948-9622 or drop in at 4855 14th Ave., at Brimley in Markham.

## THEATRES/CONCERTS

**AUGUST 15-18**

Jim Galloway Wee Big Band appears at the Markham Theatre on Thursday, Aug. 15 as part of the Markham Jazz Festival. A Bill Evans Tribute takes place at the theatre on Friday, Aug. 16. For more information, call 905-471-5299 or visit [www.jazzfest.markham.on.ca](http://www.jazzfest.markham.on.ca). For tickets, call 905-305-7469.

**TO SEPTEMBER 8**

The Unionville Summer Concert Series offers live music Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. at the new Millennium Bandshell on Main St. Unionville. Jazz, blues, swing, rock, a battle of the teen bands and children's and Celtic music will emanate from the bandshell. All performers from the Markham area.

## PLACES OF WORSHIP

**SATURDAY, JULY 20**

Unionville Single Adult Ministry pool party and BBQ from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 24 Ridgevale Road. RSVP Pat at Unionville Alliance Church at 905-477-1104 ext. 0.

**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.

## FOR ADULTS

**ONE PARENT FAMILIES ASSOCIATION**

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. Male members especially welcome to balance numbers. 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 single 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).

## VOLUNTEERS

**EPILEPSY YORK REGION**

Volunteers for the Glad Days fundraising campaign on August 13 and 15 in all of York Region needed. Duties include delivering flowers to sale sites in York Region. Must have a G licence and be over 25. For more information, call Helpmate Volunteer Bureau at 905-884-3839, 1-800-363-2412 or e-mail [helpmate@volnetmmp.net](mailto:helpmate@volnetmmp.net).

**THE LUNG ASSOCIATION**

Volunteers needed in Unionville to research and contact sponsors for fundraising events and other office-related duties. If you are 14+ and are willing to donate five hours a week during the summer, please help. For more information, call Helpmate Volunteer Bureau at 905-884-3839 or 1-800-363-2412 or e-mail [helpmate@volnetmmp.net](mailto:helpmate@volnetmmp.net).

**MARKHAM MUSEUM**

Volunteers needed to conduct tours once a week for approximately four hours. If you speak German, French or Chinese, this would be perfect for you. For more information, call Helpmate Volunteer Bureau at 905-884-3839 or 1-800-363-2412 or e-mail [helpmate@volnetmmp.net](mailto:helpmate@volnetmmp.net).

**UNIONVILLE HOME SOCIETY**

Walking program assistants wanted to assist seniors with walking outside during the summer months. Ice Cream Social assistants needed to help serve and tidy up, and an assistant bingo helper needed for the summer program. For more information, 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**

Needs computer volunteers in Newmarket, Stouffville and Maple. If you would like to participate in the communication program and help adults with communication disorders improve their computer skills in a low-stress environment, please help. Staff provides training. Call Helpmate Volunteer Bureau at 905-884-3839, 1-800-363-2412 or e-mail [helpmate@volnetmmp.net](mailto:helpmate@volnetmmp.net).

**BIG SISTERS OF YORK**

Big Sisters of York urgently needs caring female volunteers who want to make a difference in a girl's life. We have more than 80 Little Sisters waiting. Call 1-905-727-4897 ext. 303 for more information.

**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. Enrich your life, learn about another culture, share experiences and provide support and information. Call Fatemeh at 905-770-7040 ext. 226.

**BIG BROTHERS OF YORK**

Men and women 18 years and older interested in enriching the life of a child between the ages of six and 16 needed. Volunteers can choose a program to suit their schedules. For more information, call 1-905-727-1251.

**CHRISTIAN HORIZONS**

Work with those with developmental disabilities as companions assisting in leisure activities and with household maintenance and repairs. Those in the Bradford, Schomberg or Stouffville area needed. 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).

**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 over. 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).

**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. Volunteers also needed in the office and for fundraising. Call 905-472-5014 or visit [www.evergreenhospice.org](http://www.evergreenhospice.org).

**THE SLEEPY MOMS PROGRAM**

Needs childcare providers throughout York Region about 8 hours a month to look after infants while new mothers get much-needed sleep. Training provided to those without experience in infant care. Call Helpmate Volunteer Bureau at 905-884-3839, 1-800-363-2412 or e-mail: [helpmate@volnetmmp.net](mailto:helpmate@volnetmmp.net).

**VICARS**

Work in partnership with York Regional Police and the OPP assisting victims of crime and tragic circumstances. Residents of York Region 21 years and over welcome. Training begins in September. Call Stephanie at 905-881-1221 ext. 7515 if interested.

**BIG SISTERS OF YORK**

Board members wanted for a minimum two-year term. Contact Mary Beatson, executive director at 905-727-4897 or [bsoy@interlog.com](mailto:bsoy@interlog.com).

**SEXUAL ASSAULT HELPLINE**

The Women's Sexual Assault Helpline and Outreach Services of York Region is seeking volunteers to support women who have experienced recent sexual assault, childhood sexual abuse, sexual harassment or date rape. For information on upcoming training call 1-905-895-3646.

**CANADIAN RED CROSS REGION OF YORK**

Personal disaster assistance program needs help. Provide emergency response of essential needs (food/clothing) to victims of emergencies such as fires or floods in individual homes. Call Helpmate Volunteer Bureau at 905-884-3839, 1-800-363-2412 or e-mail [helpmate@volnetmmp.net](mailto:helpmate@volnetmmp.net).

**LITERACY COUNCIL OF YORK SIMCOE**

Help tutor clients in reading, writing and mathematics. Board members also needed to sit on several committees. Call Helpmate Volunteer Bureau at 905-884-3839, 1-800-363-2412 or contact it via e-mail at [helpmate@volnetmmp.net](mailto:helpmate@volnetmmp.net).

**PATHWAYS**

Program assistants to greet parents, caregivers and preschool children and encourage adults to speak about their parenting needs. Must be warm, empathetic and non-judgmental, embracing all cultures and child-rearing practices. Needed for Mondays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Armadale Community Centre and Markham Public Library. Call Helpmate Volunteer Bureau at 905-884-3839 or 1-800-363-2412.

## FOR KIDS

**LANGUAGE CLASSES**

The York Catholic District School Board, International Languages Program offers free Spanish, Italian and Arabic classes for kids JK to Grade 8. Started July 2. Runs to July 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at St. Edward School, 33 Cairns Drive in Markham. Spaces still available and you can register at the school.

**WEDNESDAYS**

Mother Goose is a free program for parents with children up to 24-months old which focuses on rhymes, songs and stories to interact with your baby. The program runs from 1 to 3 p.m. through the Pathways Family Resource Centre, 70 Main St., Markham. Call 905-471-1620.