

Registration down for World Youth Day

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family so they can attend the WYD events, including Tuesday's mass at Exhibition Place and Friday's Way of the Cross on University Avenue.

On Friday, many pilgrims will start walking from downtown Toronto to Downsview Park. They'll be sleeping under the stars Saturday night to be ready for the papal mass at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. The visiting pilgrims and three Stouffville pilgrims, including Ms Petramala, will be accompanied by a visiting priest, Fr. Dan of Maine, and two supervising adults.

The young pilgrims will commute from Stouffville's

GO Station to the World Youth Day (WYD) celebrations that will culminate in a mass by Pope John Paul II at Downsview Park next Sunday.

Almost 80 families in Whitchurch-Stouffville were ready to open their hearts and their homes to the anticipated 92 pilgrims that had been allotted to the local community, said Fr. Leslie Tamas of St. Mark Catholic Church.

But lower than expected registrations for WYD mean that only about half that number will be coming here. Originally, St. Mark Catholic School had been chosen as a site for more than 300 pilgrims, until numbers no

longer warranted using the school. Instead, about 500 pilgrims will use Brother Andre Catholic High School in Markham as their home base.

A special mass for the pilgrims will be held at St. Mark Catholic Church at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 27, before they head to Toronto for WYD events.

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has provided town pins for Fr. Tamas to present to the pilgrims coming here. They will also receive pins depicting St. Joseph, the patron saint of Canada, from the parish. They are for the pilgrims "to remember the town and remember Canada," Fr. Tamas said.



CLAUDIA PETRAMALA: Hosting pilgrims and attending World Youth Day events herself.

1,300 more homes on agenda

Two Stouffville subdivision plans, with more than 1,300 homes total, will be the subject of public meetings on Tuesday.

A 921-house development is planned for land located south of Novopharm, Noma Cable Tech and the new IGA by Varkim Developments Inc. an Ontario numbered company and Leila Femson. The plan calls for detached, semi-detached and townhouses.

Madori Ltd. has submitted a plan to build 329 homes, with frontage ranging from 36.4 to 39.4 feet, on 56 acres west of the Ninth Line and north of Elm Road, near St. Mark School and church. The plan — presented to residents last month — includes a storm detention facility and park lands.

The meetings get underway at 7 p.m. and are being held in the Whitchurch-Stouffville council chambers at 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th floor.

Fine for having a fire up to \$25,000

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areas, consuming fields, brush, and forests. The fire department will continue to monitor the conditions to determine when the ban will be lifted.

It costs the local fire department, on average, \$700 to respond to a call. If the Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire Department has to answer an outdoor fire call, the property owner could get the bill as well as a hefty fine, Deputy Chief Beckett pointed out.

A special concern exists in Whitchurch-Stouffville because the

municipality has fields abutting forest lands.

"(Our residents) are aware that fire is a very serious matter. But, we are not taking any chances."

"If fire gets to the dry fields and spreads to the forest areas, it would be a tough mess to clean up," said Deputy

Chief Beckett.

"For the most part, our residents are responsible. They are aware that fire is a very serious matter. But, we are not taking any chances," said the deputy chief.

"We are taking a pro-active position instead of a re-active position."

And, fire is a very expensive matter. The penalty for contravention of the ban under the Ontario Fire Code is a maximum fine of \$25,000 or imprisonment for a term of no more than one year or both.

'Cottage' owner faces charge

A Musselman's Lake resident will make his first court appearance in provincial court in Newmarket on Friday over the state of his residential property.

Earlier this month, a Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville bylaw enforcement officer charged Neil Swanson of 17 Restnook Lane with failing to comply with a Property Standard Order issued July 2 in connection with the state of his property.

Mr. Swanson owns Cottage Day Camp and Bosses Cottage and operates both on the south shore of Musselman's Lake. In the past, Mr. Swanson has appeared before Whitchurch-Stouffville council to answer to council's and area residents about the operation of his businesses. Meanwhile, Musselman's Lake residents have written to Premier Ernie Eves asking him to look into the matter.

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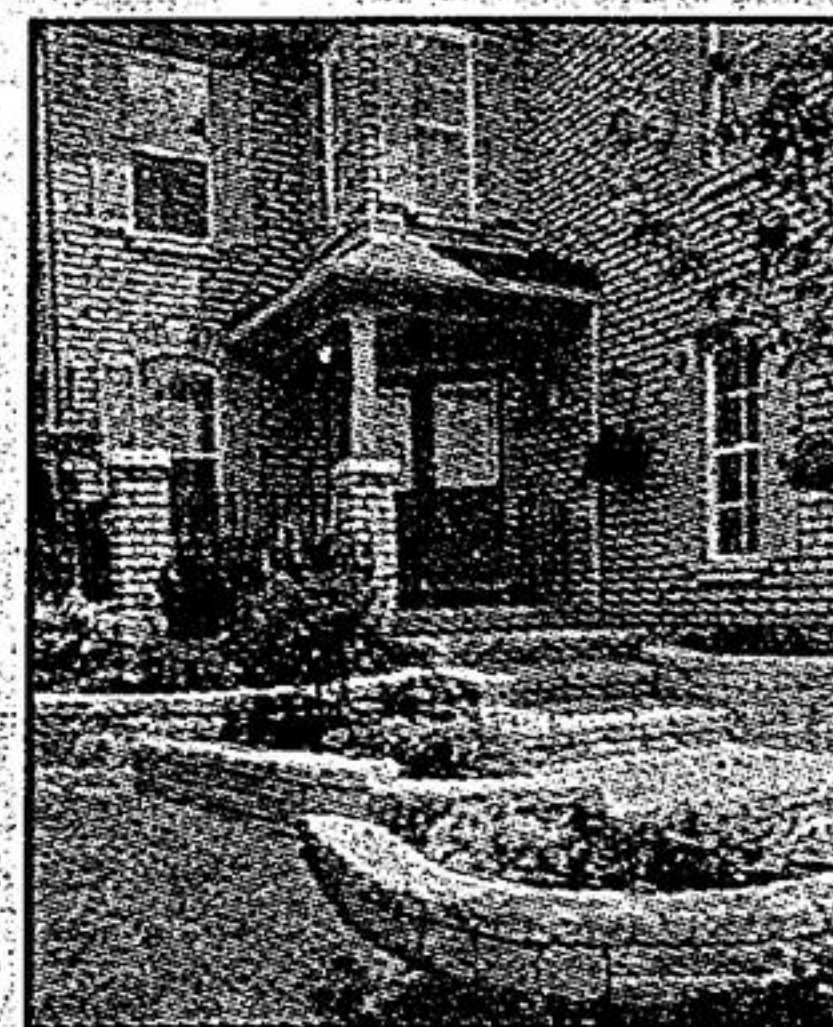
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