

The Economist & Sun/Tribune welcomes submissions of upcoming events from community organizations. While every effort is made to include all submissions, there is no guarantee of publication. You can e-mail calendar items to newsroom@econsun.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

TODAY
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Main Street, Markham. Women's

Morning Coffee Break from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Featuring surprise models, Christmas devotional and carol singing. 905-294-4736.

FRIDAY, NOV. 29

Kids' dance for ages 9 to 13 at Latham Hall, Stouffville from 7 to 9 p.m. \$5. DJ Tom. Supervised. For more information, call Diane or Wayne at 905-473-9899.

TUESDAY, DEC. 3

Tourism Minister Frank Klees is the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Stouffville's 7:15 a.m. breakfast meet-

ing in the restaurant at Parkview Village. Tickets are \$10. Please call and confirm attendance at 905-642-0363.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4

Seniors' Christmas Party at Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library from 10 to 11:30 a.m. To reserve a seat or arrange for transportation, call 905-642-7323.

THURSDAY, DEC. 5

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce "Bring Your Staff to Lunch" Christmas Party at the Sleepy Hollow Golf Club starts at 11:30 a.m. Reservation only. Call 905-642-4227. \$30.+ GST.

FRIDAY, DEC. 6

Markham District Veterans Association, 7 Washington St.,

Markham, holds its annual turkey roll in support of the Markham Army Cadets at 8 p.m. Free admission and lunch. Every one welcome. For information call 905-294-3159.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

A Candlelight Christmas at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum, 14732 Woodbine Ave., Vandorf. Horse-drawn wagon ride, apple cider and traditional baking. Tours leave at 6 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 for adults, \$5 for children in advance. Call 905-727-8954 or 1-888-290-0327.

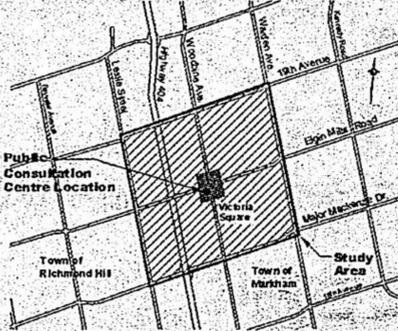
First annual Breakfast with Santa at 9 a.m. at Christ Church, 254 Sunset Blvd., Stouffville. \$7 each, children under 3 free. Limited seating. Contact Christ Church office at 905-640-1461 for tickets/information.

**The Regional Municipality of York
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
CONSULTATION CENTRE
WOODBINE AVENUE (Y.R. 8)
TRANSPORTATION AND CLASS
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY**

The Regional Municipality of York has retained Earth Tech Canada Inc. to carry out a Transportation and Class Environmental Assessment (EA) study to accommodate increasing traffic volumes in the vicinity of Woodbine Avenue (Y.R. 8) between 19th Avenue and Major Mackenzie Drive. Woodbine Avenue is currently a Regional two-lane north-south arterial road that bisects the Hamlet of Victoria Square. The Study Area generally encompasses the area from Leslie Street to the west, Warden Avenue to the east, 19th Avenue to the north and Major Mackenzie Drive to the south. Due to known constraints within the Hamlet of Victoria Square, a Woodbine Avenue Bypass of the Hamlet will be one of the alternative solutions evaluated as part of this study.

The study is being undertaken in accordance with the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (2000)* process for a Schedule 'C' project. The Class EA process includes public and review agency consultation, an evaluation of alternatives, an assessment of the impacts on the environment, and identification of reasonable measures to mitigate any adverse impacts.

As part of the Class EA planning process, a Public Consultation Centre (PCC) is being held to present the preliminary results to date, including the need and justification for the project, the recommended solution, and the alternative design concepts under consideration, for public comment. Attendees will have the opportunity to discuss their comments directly with Earth Tech Canada and York Region staff. The PCC is scheduled for:



DATE: Tuesday, December 3, 2002
TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Victoria Square Community Hall
2929 Elgin Mills Road
(just west of Woodbine Avenue)

You are encouraged to attend the PCC and provide your comments so that they may be included in the study. We are interested in hearing any comments or concerns that you may have about this project. Any comments received at the PCC will be considered in identifying the preferred solution. Following this, the alternative design concepts will be evaluated for presentation at a second PCC to be held in 2003. The public will be notified of the date, time and location of the second PCC at the appropriate time through a similar newspaper notice.

Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist the Project Team in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. Please contact one of the following team members for further information, or to be added to the project mailing list:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOK SALE

Fairmount Books holds its annual sale to raise money for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada. Held at 120 Duffield Dr., Markham on Friday, Dec. 6, noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FOOD DRIVE

York Regional Police holds its annual food drive at these locations around York Region: Loblaws, 200 Bullock Dr., Markham from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and at Costco, 71 Colossus Dr., Woodbridge from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 30, Dec. 1.

ENGLISH CLASSES

A-LINC offers free English language classes for recent immigrants to Canada. Full and part-time classes throughout York Region. Free child-minding and/or transportation allowance for those who qualify. Call 905-707-1555 or 1-800-477-4217 to register.

NEWCOMERS TO CANADA

Contact Catholic Community Services of York Region for free assistance and information on Permanent Resident Card, the education system, child tax benefit, finding a job and more. Call 905-709-8181 to schedule an appointment. Service available in Korean, Farsi, Russian and Croatian.

FUNDRAISING DRIVE

Multiple Sclerosis Society York South Chapter fundraising drive runs on November weekends with cakes and cookies for sale at Hillcrest Mall. Entertainment books available.

UNICEF CARDS

Cards and gifts available at Markville Shopping Centre in Markham until Tuesday, Dec. 24.

BOOKS WANTED

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Library needs paperback and hard cover books for its annual book sale at the end of March. Profits to library equip-

ment. Home pickup available. Call Marilyn at 905-642-7323 ext. 223 for information.

SOCCER TRYOUTS

Looking for girls from around York Region born in 1989 who love soccer. The Richmond Hill Raiders Girls U-14 outdoor rep soccer team holds tryouts throughout the indoor season and plays in the provincial league. For information, call Paula at 905-883-0508.

EXHIBITIONS

TO DEC. 30

Willowdale Group of Artists displays their work at the Markham Theatre Art Gallery, 171 Town Centre Blvd., Markham. Public welcome.

**THEATRE/
CONCERTS**

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

Village Voices presents, Sounds of the Season featuring a selection of traditional Christmas carols and spirituals, contemporary seasonal favourites and audience sing-along. Takes place at Central United Church, 131 Main Street, Unionville. Tickets \$12 at the door. Children 12 and younger free. Information call 905-294-8687. surf the internet to www3.sympatico.ca/villagevoices.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

The Christmas musical 2000 Candles takes place at Markham Baptist Church, 110 Church St., Markham at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$13, available at the church office, 905-294-5830.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

Benefit Christmas Concert for the York Centre for children, youth and families. Guest artists: Michael Burgess, Jackalyn Short, Toronto Sinfonietta, Bach Children's Chorus. Takes place at the Cathedral of the Transfiguration, Victoria Square at 4 p.m. For details and tickets, call 905-887-5896 or 905-294-5230.

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