

15 entrants so far in inaugural Stouffville lawnmower race

Our Town

with Hannelore Volpe

More than 15 entrants have stopped mowing their grass long enough to sign up for Stouffville's first lawnmower races.

Sponsored by the Kinsmen Club of Stouffville, the races take place near Stouffville's outdoor pool Sept. 27.

On the same day, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce is holding its car rally, which takes participants on a crazy ride throughout the municipality.

Time trials and safety inspections for the lawnmower races begin at 9 a.m. All lawnmowers will be checked to ensure blades have been removed. All participants must wear helmets. Races are from 1 to 4 p.m. with awards presented between 4 and 4:30 p.m.

Three businesses, Canadian Tire, Hulshof Masonry and A Dutch Touch by Bouwmeister Landscaping, have donated a riding mower to be raffled off during the races. Tickets are \$10 each from local merchants, Kinsmen Club members and the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce.

As part of the lawnmower race fun, residents have a chance to conjure up a creative name for Stouffville's two plazas in the Name the Plaza contest. Entry forms were distributed with last Thursday's lawnmower race flyers in the Stouffville Sun/Tribune. They are also available at Stomark Rentals, The Other Office and The Petstop on Main Street in Stouffville.

The winner of the Name the 5887 Main Street Plaza contest receives a \$1,000 gift certificate redeemable at Sobey's. The Name the 5892 Plaza contest winner receives a \$1,000 Giant Tiger gift certificate.

Winners will be announced the afternoon of the lawnmower races. There are also draws for other prizes, including dinner for four at Eastside Mario's.

The lawnmower race event includes music, entertainment and an evening barbecue. The Pfaff family, whose son Dan received a double-lung transplant more than a year ago, will speak around 12:30 p.m. A street dance with live music is being held from 6 to 11 p.m.

To enter a racing mower and for further information, call 416-892-4111 or 416-471-9823.

Meanwhile, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce car rally promises to be a crazy, fun day. Come in costume and decorate your car, said chamber president and CEO Helene Johnson.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. with

cars starting the scavenger hunt on wheels from the Memorial Park area between 9:45 and 10:15 a.m. The rally finishes at 12:30 p.m. and prizes will be awarded around 1 p.m.

Advance tickets are \$20 per car and \$25 for vehicles entered on rally day.

For more information, call 905-642-4227.

BESSEY SHOW AT LATCHAM GALLERY

Local artist James Bessey brings a year of painting the colours and landscapes he loves to Latcham Gallery in

Stouffville.

The three-day exhibition is Sept. 25 through 27 at the gallery's 6240 Main Street location.

Mr. Bessey will be present at the opening reception Thursday, Sept. 25 from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

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