

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community non-profit groups in Whitchurch-Stouffville are welcome to place their coming events in this column at no charge. Please send your notice to Community Calendar at the Stouffville Sun-Tribune, Box 154, Stouffville, L4A 7Z5 (fax number 905-640-8778), or drop it off at the office, 34 Civic Ave., 3rd Floor. Deadline is Mondays at 6 p.m. Publication cannot be guaranteed but we will make every effort to ensure it is included. Please be brief.

NOTICES

Come to Tot Spot: Tot Spot is an interactive play group for parents, caregivers and their children from newborn to six years old. Tot Spot runs Monday through Thursday from 9:15 to 11 a.m. in the basement of Stouffville United Church, 34 Church St. First visit is free. For more information, call 905-642-2603.

Walk of Fame: This is the last chance for residents to order walk of fame tiles that will be installed in the foyer of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library. For \$250, your name, company name or name of a loved one can be engraved on a tile. Money raised from this final leg of the fundraiser goes towards books, publications, DVDs and outdoor furniture for the library reading garden. Call 905-642-7323, ext. 223.

Book clean out: The Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library is looking for paperback and hard cover books, for children and adults, for its annual books sale at the end of March 2005. Profits from the sale go towards programming, equipment and new books for the library. Pick-up of materials at your home can be arranged. Call 905-642-7323, ext. 223 for more information.

Overcome computer fear: The Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library is holding several computer courses for the petrified sessions during October. Cost is \$5 per session. Call the library at 905-642-7323 for dates and details.

SPECIAL EVENTS

TODAY

Lemonville euchre: Lemonville euchre begins its new season at the Lemonville

Community Centre, 13453 McCowan Rd. at 7:30 p.m. Lunch to be served afterwards. Euchre continues every Thursday.

SATURDAY

Snowflake and holly: The Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion in Stouffville presents its Snowflake and Holly craft sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a wide variety of crafts, a bake table and light lunch available at the event in the legion hall on Ninth Line, north of Main Street. For information, call 905-640-3272 or 905-640-3604.

Firefighters wash: The Stouffville firefighters association is holding a car wash with proceeds going to the York Region safety village. The car wash will be at the Main Street Stouffville fire hall from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations are also being accepted.

SUNDAY

Writing workshop: The Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library presents a writing workshop for adults from noon to 4 p.m. led by local poet and creative writing teacher Charlene Jones. The fee is \$75. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Call the library at 905-642-READ.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

Arthritis information: The Ontario Massage Therapist Association presents information on arthritis from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parkview Village auditorium, 12184 Ninth Line in Stouffville. There is no charge. Sponsored by the York Region Chapter of the Ontario Massage Therapist Association, the Arthritis Society and Parkview Village.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Smart supplements: Local pharmacist Farid Wassef talks on smart nutritional supplementation and research that shows stress, chronic

disease and other factors may deplete the body of nutrients. The talk is from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library. Pre-register at the library.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Legion lunch: The Royal Canadian Legion in Stouffville hosts a hot roast beef luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the legion hall, Ninth Line north of Main Street. Tickets are \$10 per person. Proceeds to veterans' welfare.

Chamber luncheon: The Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce hosts a joint-chamber entrepreneurs luncheon with the chambers of commerce from East Gwillimbury, Nobleton, Schomberg and Vaughan. Guest speaker is York regional chairperson Bill Fisch. Registration begins 11:30 a.m.; luncheon is from noon to 2 p.m. at the Venetian-Banquet Hall and Hospitality Centre, 219 Romina Dr., Concord (Jane and Langstaff). Tickets are \$30 for members; \$55 for non-members. For a table of eight: \$230 for members; 440 non-members. Reservations are required. Call 905-642-4227.

Coping with Alzheimer's: Sue Hart, director of the Alzheimer Society of York, presents Bridging the Gap and a question and answer session for people caring for those with cognitive impairment. Refreshments will be served. The event is at Parkview Village Auditorium, 12184 Ninth Line in Stouffville. R.S.V.P. by Oct. 15 by calling 905-640-1911; ext. 221.

Character community: The character community initiative will be launched by Mayor Sue Sherban and the character community committee in Whitchurch-Stouffville from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Lebovic Leisure Centre. Come for cake and information. A gift certificate from Dinarte's restaurant will be the prize in a draw from entries naming a character attribute for December specifically for Whitchurch-Stouffville. Everyone welcome.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

Stouffville studio tour: The fourth annual Stouffville studio tour and sale takes place in various locations in downtown Stouffville and the northern parts of the municipality today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tour guides to the studios of the potters, painters and sculptors are available at the Latham Gallery, 6240 Main St. in Stouffville and local merchants. Admission is free. For information, call 905-642-1721 or log on to www.stouffvillestudiotour.com

Free family day: The Latham Gallery holds a drop-in art workshop for families inspired by the work of Jennie Clark on display in the Gallery until Nov. 6. For information, call 905-640-8954.

Broadway night: The Christ Church Building Fund presents Saturday Night Broadway in Stouffville with soprano Donna Bennett and pianist Brian Finley 7:30 p.m. at the church, 254 Sunset Blvd. Enjoy an evening of wine, food and music and a silent auction. Tickets \$35 per person with net proceeds going to the Christ Church Building Fund. For tickets, call the church office at 905-640-1461; 905-642-9507, or 905-640-3561.

Art in Lemonville: The Schoolhouse Group of Artists presents its fifth annual art exhibition at the Lemonville Community Centre, 13453 McCowan Rd. in Whitchurch-Stouffville. The show runs today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission and free parking. For more information, call 905-640-3965.

Train robbery: The mayors of Whitchurch-Stouffville and Uxbridge host a train robbery on the York Durham Heritage Railway starting 4 p.m. from the Uxbridge train station and 4:30 p.m. from the Stouffville train station with bar, entertainment and appetizers. Dinner at the Uxbridge Train Station, dessert and coffee at the

Stouffville and Uxbridge stations. Sponsored by Miller Paving. Tickets at \$85 per person are available at the Stouffville and Uxbridge town offices, by calling 905-640-1910, ext. 227, and from the YDHR at 905-852-3696.

Missionary church opening: Everyone is welcome to attend the grand opening of EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church's new building south of the Stouffville Country Market on Tenth Line. Tour the building, find out about programs and enjoy refreshments. Regular Sunday services are at 9:30 and 11 a.m. The building dedication service is at 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to the services. For information, call 905-640-3911; ext. 21.

Family day for asthma: The Asthma Coalition of York Region hosts a family day regarding asthma and physical activity in the Vivian Forest. For more information, log on to www.asthmayork.ca

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

English choir performs: The Dalesmen Singers will perform at Stouffville United Church, 34 Church St. at 7:30 p.m. They will also join the Men of Note chorus in singing some selections together. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available at the church or by phoning 905-640-1163.

Poetry readings: Charlene Jones and John Unrau read from their poetry with a light touch of humour at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, 30 Burkholder Ave. in Stouffville from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. No admission charge. Call 905-642-7323 for more details.

Crazy Ladies: The Crazy Ladies quilt and craft club meets in the Stouffville Arena from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Bring any craft. Door prize to be drawn. Cost per meeting is \$5. Call 905-642-0750 or log on to CrazyLadiesClub@hotmail.com



Better Health Care for Canadians: A 10-year plan

Working together, the Prime Minister, Premiers and Territorial leaders have signed a 10-year plan, supported by \$4.1 billion in new federal funding, that will lead to better health care for Canadians.

Better Health Care

- Reduce waiting times**
 - Improve access so that Canadians don't wait as long for key tests, treatments and surgeries
- More Doctors, Nurses and other Health Professionals**
 - Plans to train and hire more health professionals while also developing faster accreditation for foreign-trained health professionals
- Expand home care**
 - Provide better support for people being cared for or recovering at home
- Improve access to family and community care**
 - Increase 24/7 access to doctors, nurses and other health professionals
- Better Access to Needed Medicines**
 - A commitment to manage drug costs and ensure that no family is forced to choose between needed medicines and financial ruin
- Improved Aboriginal Health**
 - New investments and better planning to close the gap between Aboriginals and other Canadians in terms of health

Shorter Waiting Times

- The federal, provincial and territorial governments have committed to report clearly on the progress we are making in health care and, for the first time will report on progress in reducing waiting times.
- Comparable indicators ... so we can measure**
 - Federal, provincial and territorial governments will use comparable information to report their progress in improving access to doctors, and to diagnostic and treatment procedures
 - Benchmarks ... so we know what we are striving for**
 - Federal, provincial and territorial governments will set medically acceptable waiting times — based on advice from medical experts — starting with cancer, heart disease, diagnostic imaging, joint replacement, and sight restoration
 - Targets ... to drive change**
 - Provincial and territorial governments will set their own targets and report annually to citizens on progress in reducing waiting times

Canadians will see for themselves where their health care money is going and how it is making a difference.

To obtain a copy of "The 2004 Health Care 10-Year Action Plan at a Glance", call 1-800-O-Canada (1-800-622-6232) or, to see it on the web, click www.canada.gc.ca/healthplan.

