

# Ideas abound for parks

Is nothing sacred? Are there no properties in Whitchurch-Stouffville protected in their entirety from the menacing tentacles of probing politicians?

Are there no sites where change, even miniscule in magnitude, is not regarded as intrusive, invasive and interfering?

Are there no lands that can, through time and eternity, continue untouched by well-intended human hands?

While history is testament to the fact nothing stays the same, one location should, for all intents and purposes, remain sacrosanct.

That place, let me suggest, is Memorial Park in downtown Stouffville.

True, it has its warts and blemishes. It's not so perfect improvement isn't warranted. But let me warn those who, for whatever reason, would inflict dire changes on this site: be prepared for protests to rival hordes of mosquitoes cavorting through a nudist colony. It won't be pretty.

These thoughts coursed through my mind as I sat last week amidst a sea of unfamiliar faces at a grassroots workshop in the gym at EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church. Two points of discussion were central: the potential for Stouffville Memorial Park and possibilities for the new Bethesda Park.

The former includes 57 acres, the latter 51 acres with the likelihood of expansion. A master plan is proposed for both.

This vision session, as it was described, comes under the wing of the leisure services department, with assistance from The Rethink Group consulting firm and Basterfield & Associates landscape architectural advisors, both of Peterborough.

The think-tank introductions were professionally handled with discussions that followed extremely interesting, even intriguing. A wealth of ideas, some practical and some pointless, proliferated the auditorium.

The undertaking is massive, particularly with respect to Memorial Park where heritage and tradition are deeply entrenched. The proposal extends as far as 2026 when, to the surprise of most, population figures are forecast at 62,321.

No secret to all concerned is the fact Park Drive south of Main Street will be extended to Hoover Park, eventually eliminating the water pollution control plant.

The Memorial Park plan takes in the entire park, Lebovic Leisure Centre and library, works depot, recycling centre, the former Town Hall,



## Roaming Around

with Jim Thomas

Civic Square and Duffin Creek from Main to Hoover Park

Bethesda Park lies east of the Ninth Line and south of Bethesda Road.

For Memorial Park, the following proposals were offered:

- A heritage trail;
- lawn bowling green;
- curling rink site;
- gazebo/bandshell;
- outdoor pool;
- farmers market;
- live theatre;
- improved washrooms; toboggan hill;
- improved parking and lighting;

- a public address system; refurbished main grandstand;
- a second grandstand;
- sculpture walk;
- community gardens; barbecue areas;

- improved ball diamond and tennis court;
- skateboard park;
- additional trees;
- re-located basketball court; and
- several mini-soccer fields.

Two major road changes were recommended: closing Burkholder Street at Franklin Street and blocking Church Street South at the park's memorial gates.

Bethesda Park recommendations include: a toboggan slide, snack bar and washrooms, basketball court, ski trails, picnic areas, fireworks display area, storage facilities, indoor multi-recreation bubble, soccer fields, extension of a heritage trail and traffic lights at Bethesda Road and Ninth and Tenth Lines.

It was agreed passive as well as active recreation should be available at Memorial Park.

At Bethesda, most felt the area's rural flavour should be maintained.

Mayor Sue Sherban described the workshop as "a special and important day".

Project director Robert Lockhart called the assignment "very challenging", adding "gradually, we hope to move towards a design that will work for everyone".

Now there's an optimist.

Jim Thomas is a Stouffville resident who has written for area newspapers for more than 50 years.

# OUR PEAMEAL BACON

We sell a lot of this bacon because: (a) we use centre-cuts only - no ends; (b) we use a low-salt cure; (c) we trim it lean so that there's next to no fat; (d) we don't Pump it with brine to the extent that it becomes watery (a common practice with peameal) and; (e) we don't 'extend' the product (as I see that many others do when you see on the package label "12% protein added". What that means is that the weight ends up being 12% more than when they started. This is accomplished by using 'tumbling machines' which increase product yield (read: more profit) at the expense of product quality). It's what we don't do that makes our bacon so good! So if peameal is on your menu this week, get your knives out, sharpen them up and come and see us, cause your peameal deal is back!

By the piece

Reg. \$4.99 lb.

P.S. If your knife is really dull, bring it too.

We'll sharpen it!

**2<sup>99</sup>**  
LB.  
THIS  
WEEK

## FLOWERS!

Not only do we have a great selection of our bunched flowers, and our tulips, we have some really neat potted plants which last nicely. But if you men really want to leave a lasting impression, have a look at some of Maggie's dried flower arrangements. There is usually a spot at home which doesn't have enough light to sustain the real thing - but at the same time you need some beauty.

## SMOKED BLACK COD

Occasionally we smoke some very wonderful Black Cod from British Columbia.

One of those occasions will be this Friday and Saturday. If you want a real taste treat, step up to the deli counter and get some. It's wonderful!

## INDIVIDUAL BEEF WELLINGTONS

It's a tradition at our store that my mother-in-law (Doreen) makes these amazing individual Wellingtons for Valentine's Day. For those of you who know this, you've probably already ordered - and for any of you who are new, you'd best order NOW. The cut-off is Sat. at 2:00 p.m. - because they need to be pre-cooked before they're wrapped in our puff pastry (also homemade). The phone number in the kitchen is 940-1770.

\$10<sup>00</sup> - \$13<sup>00</sup> each

## FRESH CORN

This corn will be arriving Thursday and Friday. It's really good corn at a really good price. It will put you in a sunny, pre-spring mood.

From Florida and Georgia. **39¢** COB

## HAAS AVOCADOS

We'll have a deal on our Avocados this week. We buy (a) only the Haas variety which have the most flavour, and (b) only size '12' (with the odd exception). This translates into the largest size with the most 'meat'.

**79¢** each

## FIREWOOD DIFFICULTIES - AGAIN!

The same thing happened to us last year. It seems that the last load of firewood we received is too fresh and is difficult to light. My solution is to use a firelog with the firewood placed on top. When it lights (and it will), it burns for a nice long time. To help out, we've reduced the wood to \$3.99 per bag. Sorry for the inconvenience.

## HOW MUCH DID THE CHIPWAGON RAISE?

Despite a couple of beginner's glitches, our chip and dog deal worked real good. With the help of some of the skaters (and parents), we raised just over \$1400.00 for the Skating Club.

# SO WHAT IS BAKING THIS WEEK?

As you could imagine in a bakery populated by upwards of 25 ladies, it's all about romance. The whole place has been overtaken by hearts - and pink! There will be every possible item to woo your sweetie with!

Here are some choices .....

♥ **HEART-SHAPED CHOCOLATE CAKES** - available in two sizes - our most delicious chocolate cake ..... \$7<sup>95</sup> & \$15<sup>95</sup>

♥ **PINK HEART CAKES** - it's our white cake dressed in pink - also two sizes ..... \$7<sup>95</sup> & \$15<sup>95</sup>

♥ **VALENTINES CUPCAKES** - loaded with pink and red sweets ..... \$2<sup>49</sup> ea.

♥ **RASPBERRY MOUSSE CAKES** - it's a chocolate cake filled with raspberry mousse ..... \$18<sup>95</sup>

♥ **STRAWBERRY GRAND MARNIER CHEESECAKE** - it's got Grand Marnier and orange zest whipped in, and it's topped with whole glazed berries ..... \$14<sup>95</sup> & \$22<sup>95</sup>

♥ **CHOCOLATE-PECAN-RASPBERRY TRUFFLE TART** - we begin with a pecan-brown sugar crust, fill it with dark chocolate ganache flavoured with framboise liqueur, and then top it with fresh raspberries which have been drizzled with chocolate ..... \$8<sup>95</sup> & \$22<sup>95</sup>

♥ **CHERRY & RASPBERRY PIES** - for 2 ..... \$3<sup>99</sup> ea.

♥ **CHERRY TARTS** ..... 99¢ ea.

♥ **STRAWBERRY AND WHITE CHOCOLATE MOUSSE CAKE** - this is a white cake which has been filled with strawberry mousse and surrounded by strawberries ..... \$20<sup>95</sup> ea.

♥ **CHOCOLATE-DIPPED 'TUXEDO' STRAWBERRIES** - if I can get enough of the large berries with stems ..... \$1<sup>49</sup> ea.

♥ **CREME BRÛLÉES** - in addition to our regular selection, we'll have \* Chocolate Grand Marnier, \* Raspberry White Chocolate and \* Strawberry Grand Marnier ..... \$3<sup>99</sup> ea.

♥ **HEARTSHAPED SCONES** - these will be available in raspberry and strawberry ..... \$1<sup>49</sup> ea.

♥ **RASPBERRY-ORANGE BRAN MUFFINS** - something to keep your Valentine healthy ..... \$1<sup>29</sup> ea.

♥ **SUGAR COOKIE HEARTS** - ..... \$1<sup>49</sup> ea.

♥ **INDIVIDUAL MOUSSES** - something new, available in \* Raspberry \* Strawberry \* White Chocolate and \* Dark Chocolate ..... \$3<sup>99</sup>

♥ **CROQUE EN BOUCHE FOR TWO!** - this is a mini pyramid of cream puffs filled with raspberry mousse and white chocolate mousse, coated with caramel and drizzled with chocolate - and lastly, topped with hearts ..... \$7<sup>95</sup> ea.

♥ **STRAWBERRY & CREAM CHEESE TURNOVERS** - this is our puff pastry filled with sliced berries & cream cheese, with a hint of orange ..... \$1<sup>99</sup> ea.

♥ **STRAWBERRY-RASPBERRY FLANS** - we make a shortbread bottom brushed with chocolate, fill it with our decadent vanilla custard topped with raspberries and strawberries and lastly, we drizzle it with chocolate ..... \$8<sup>95</sup> & \$22<sup>95</sup>

Now, as you can imagine after reading this, our little bakery will be busy. It would be best to pre-order what you might need - and to make that easier we have a new phone system (which has been long overdue). Either number, 940-0655 or 940-1770, will work.

Happy Valentines from all of us!



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