

## OMISSION

York Region Newspaper Group Events Management regrets the omission of fine artist Reuben Healer's name from our Art In The Park thank you notice.

Mr. Healer's painting was used in the notice and we would like to thank him for participating in Art In The Park Markham and making his painting available to us.



# New Leaf happy to return home

BY MIKE HAYAKAWA  
Staff Writer

Simon and Garfunkel had a popular musical hit with the song Homeward Bound.

The Toronto Maple Leafs hope they have a homeward bound hit of their own with the acquisition of Jeff O'Neill.

A 29-year-old King City native, O'Neill will be making a return to his hockey roots after he was acquired Saturday by the Maple Leafs from the Carolina Hurricanes in exchange for a conditional selection in the National Hockey League 2006 entry draft, which can be no higher than a third rounder based on his goal output this season.

An acknowledged longtime fan of the Maple Leafs while growing up in York Region, O'Neill was glad to be returning home.

"I'm as ecstatic as I can be. I'm 20 minutes down the road from the rink," the veteran right winger told reporters from his summer residence on Lake Joseph Saturday. "I couldn't help cheering for Dougie Gilmour. My whole family cheered for the Leafs all their lives. Secretly, I think they cheered for the Leafs a bit every time we faced them."

In returning to York Region, O'Neill hopes he can rebound from a less-than-vintage 2003-04



**JEFF O'NEILL:** King City native excited about trade to Toronto Maple Leafs.

campaign with the Hurricanes in which he collected just 14 goals and 20 assists in 67 games and had season-ending shoulder surgery.

But the pain his family endured July 21 with the untimely loss of his older brother, Donny, a former minor hockey player with the Peterborough Petes who was killed in an auto accident, was forgotten for a brief time.

"I'm happy to be playing for the Maple Leafs in a new city, but with everything that has happened to my family in the last 2-1/2 weeks, if I put a smile on their

faces for just half a day (with the news of the trade), then I'm glad."

A first round choice and fifth overall of the Hartford Whalers in the 1994 NHL entry draft, O'Neill was signed to a two-year contract worth a reported \$1.5 million (all figures US).

O'Neill was due a qualifying offer of \$2.8 million that included the 24-per-cent salary rollback from the Hurricanes this year.

As for coming to the Maple Leafs, O'Neill feels he can make a positive contribution.

"I won't tell the Leafs how to run their team. But I just want to be a help," said O'Neill, a former member of the Thornhill Thunderbirds who had his number retired by the Provincial Junior A Hockey League club last season.

A veteran of 673 career NHL games, O'Neill has compiled 198 goals and 218 assists. His best season was in 2000-01 in which he set career highs in games played with 82, goals (41), points (67) and penalty minutes (106).

He led the Hurricanes in goals for four consecutive years from 1999-2000 to 2002-03 and twice led the team in points in 2000-01 and 2002-03. He also played in the 2003 NHL All-Star Game and helped the Hurricanes reach the Stanley Cup final in 2002.



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MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 AM  
Guest Speaker:  
**Paul Russell SIM**  
P.M. Services cancelled  
until Sept. 11th  
**Everyone Welcome**

Welcome to...  
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Fax 905-640-1946  
**Sunday August 7**  
Guest Pastor Rev. Paulette Brown  
10:30am  
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**Saturday Aug. 6**  
Boyd (Church)  
Family reunion and  
pot luck supper  
Town Park 4pm  
**'A Friendly Family Church'**

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Please note that our  
Sunday services will be held at  
Latham Hall, on Park Drive  
South, in Stouffville.  
Sunday School classes  
will be at the church building,  
but at 11:15 we will meet at  
Latham Hall.  
We will have a brief lunch  
break, then another service at  
1:00 p.m.  
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**Sunday, August 7th, 2005**  
12th after Pentecost  
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10:00 am Choral Eucharist  
Church School and Nursery Provided  
e-mail: [admin@stouffvilleanglican.ca](mailto:admin@stouffvilleanglican.ca)  
website: [www3.sympatico.ca/christchurch.stouffville](http://www3.sympatico.ca/christchurch.stouffville)  
**Everyone Welcome!**

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**August 7, 2005**  
10:00 am  
Pastor Bill Thornton  
Message Series  
"Heroes of the Hall"

**STOUFFVILLE PENTECOSTAL  
CHURCH**  
6853 Main St., Stouffville  
**Sunday August 7th, 2005**  
10:00 am "Life in the Spirit" series  
Pastor Paul is speaking on  
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Call Church at 905-640-5696  
for information  
Rev. Paul Hilsden, Sr. Pastor

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Worship Minister: Rev. Robert Nightingale  
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[stouffvilleuc@bellnet.ca](mailto:stouffvilleuc@bellnet.ca)  
**Sunday August 7, 2005**  
10:30 am  
Worship Service  
Baby Fold & Children's Worship  
**EVERYONE WELCOME**

**Parkview Village**  
12184 Ninth Line South, Stouffville  
**Sunday August 7, 2005**  
Randy Hicks  
(Ventriloquist) Salvation Army  
7:00 p.m. Village Auditorium

**ST. MARK'S  
Catholic Church**  
345 Glad Park Ave., Stouffville  
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