

# Downtown goes mad tonight

Let the madness begin. Shoppers will have a chance to find bargains during the annual Mid-night Madness street-wide sidewalk sale featuring special offers and sale prices in downtown Stouffville tonight from 7 to 10.

A bouncing castle and other activities for children will be in Civic Square behind the Clock Tower and karaoke singers can strut their stuff under the gazebo on Main Street.

Ruth LeBlanc, manager of the Stouffville Business Improvement Area, will be on the look-out for residents wearing pajamas so she can present them with a gift.

Local musicians, including Bob

Vopni, Bonnie Morgan and performers from the We Rock School of Music, are performing in front of the old town hall at 7 p.m.

The Latham Gallery launches a new exhibition by Adam Lodzinski called Photographic Abstractions.

Meanwhile, the community information and registration fair is in Latham Hall from 7 to 9 p.m.

It's a convenient way for anyone looking for music and dance lessons, information on leisure services, special needs and many other local lessons, groups and service clubs and gives residents a chance to register.

—Hannelore Volpe

# Car show aims to be biggest in York

MotorFest 2006 is coming to Stouffville's Main Street Sept. 16 and you can be a part of it.

If you own a tank, military vehicle or antique and classic car, truck or street rod, bring it to the Novopharm grounds starting at 8:30 a.m. on show day. No pre-registration is required.

The show runs from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Now in its third year on the Novopharm grounds, organizers are hoping this year's show will be even bigger than last year's, which had about 375 exhibitors.

The show includes a display of military vehicles and uniforms by the Ontario Military Vehicle Association as well as vehicles owned by members of the Model A Club, Studebaker Club and street rod clubs.

Car dealers will be showing off 2007 models.

With about 500 vehicles expected, organizers John Stickle, Dennis Alsop and Brent Snowden are aiming for this to become the largest car show in York Region.

Previous to three years ago, the show was held at the Stouffville Missionary Church on Main Street. Now renamed Eastridge Evangelical Missionary Church and located on 10th Line, it continues to hold the car show to support Teen Challenge Ranch, a private, non-profit

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Christian organization helping young men and adults with life-controlling substance abuse problems. Teen Challenge receives no government funding.

At the 45-acre farm near London, Ont., residents attend daily classes, chapel, have homework and chores to complete as well as recreational opportunities.

According to Teen Challenge, government research shows a more than 70 per cent cure rate among those who complete the program.

Last year's MotorFest raised around \$7,000 for Teen Challenge.

There is no admission charge, but donations are welcome.

Get more information on the show by logging onto [www.motorfest.ca](http://www.motorfest.ca) or by calling Denny at 905-640-3202 or John at 905-640-7015.

## Santa riding rails

If you've always wanted to ride in the caboose of a train, you can do it.

You can sit beside the conductor of the The York-Durham Heritage Railway train as he

drives the train during regular Sunday trips between Stouffville and Uxbridge.

Two weeks' advance reservation are needed for up to six passengers to travel in the caboose, which has high rooftop cupola windows for an all-round view. These rides are subject to space and operating availability.

Supplemental fares of \$15 per passenger each way will be charged for the caboose experience. These rides are available only on Sunday scheduled trains leaving Uxbridge station at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. for trips to Stouffville or leaving the Stouffville GO station at 1 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. for trips to Uxbridge.

The supplemental fare will be added to the normal one-way fare of \$12 for adults with \$10 fares for seniors and students and \$8 for children (ages two to 12). Round trips on the caboose or caboose one-way and regular seat for the return are available.

Future special trains include: Santa in Summer Aug. 20; trips to Doors Open in Unionville Aug. 27 and 28; fall colour excursion from Unionville Oct. 14; Halloween trains Oct. 27 and 28 and Santa trains in November and December.

Train times and fares are subject to change without notice.

For more information and advance reservations call 905-852-3696 or e-mail [info@ythr.on.ca](mailto:info@ythr.on.ca)



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## Transportation Master Plan Update



### NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

The Regional Municipality of York has recently initiated a study to update the Region's Transportation Master Plan (TMP). This study will update the current plan approved in 2002 and incorporate the Province's significant changes in population and employment projections, land use and environmental policies, as well as, the Region's current Growth Management Initiative.

This study will follow the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment master planning process and will focus on improving the sustainability of the Region's transportation system. Public consultation will be a vital component of this study. The public is invited to review information, discuss issues and propose solutions. Public consultation centres will be scheduled at key points in the project. The dates, times and locations of these meetings will be posted in the local newspapers and on the Region's website ([www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca)) under Services → Regional Planning → Infrastructure; select Transportation Master Plan (TMP) - Update.

Your ideas, questions or comments on the TMP Update are welcome. Please contact the following project representatives:

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