

# Festival of Lights kicks off Stouffville's Christmas season

If you've been waiting all year to put on some reindeer antlers and a big red nose, you'll have your chance Dec. 1 at the Festival of Lights sponsored by the Stouffville Business Improvement Area. From 7 to 8 p.m. in the Clock Tower square in downtown Stouffville, you'll hear local singers, including students from Stouffville District Secondary School, other entertainment and see an 'angelic surprise', according to BIA manager Ruth LeBlanc. Newman Concepts in

Dance has confirmed it'll be at the festival. Its students, including those in the Kinderdance class, will perform. Santa will make a special visit to town for the festival, which is a day before the Kinsmen Santa Claus Parade. Santa will be on stage at the Festival of Lights and several children will have a chance to tell him — and the audience — what they'd like for Christmas. The Kinderdance children will also visit with the jolly old elf.

Right after the festival, Santa will be at The Healing Force on Main Street to pose for photos with children from 8 to 9 p.m. and again Saturday, Dec. 2 from noon to 2 p.m. On Dec. 9 he'll be at the I D A Pharmacy from 1 to 3

p.m. and on Dec. 16 at the Over the Moon children's store from 1 to 3 p.m. People of all ages are welcome to have their pictures taken with Santa, for a nominal fee. "You're never too old to sit

on Santa's knee," Mrs. LeBlanc said. On Dec. 2, the day of the parade, the BIA will have give out free energy-efficient LED Christmas lights in exchange for a string of old lights brought in by the first 120 peo-

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