

Sun-Tribune people

Cheyenne Geense (from left), David Robinson and Andrew Robinson prepare to hand out water during the Love Stouffville campaign. Volunteers from local churches launch the project today and will clean the community for the Strawberry Festival.



Whitchurch-Stouffville

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Morning session added to mayor's golf tournament

The afternoon sessions at Mayor Wayne Emmerson's 10th golf tournament July 24 are full. Organizers have added a morning draw, teeing off at 7:30 a.m. at Sleepy Hollow Country Club.

Afternoon draws will be held at Ballantrae Golf and Country Club and Sleepy Hollow.

Entry fee is \$165 and includes golf, meals and a pair of Etonic golf shoes.

Major sponsors are Ballantrae Golf and Country Club/Schickedanz, Geranium Corporation, Williamson GM/Bartley Boys and Rice Commercial Group.

Items available in auctions and draws include NHL jerseys autographed by Sean Avery of the New York Rangers and the Leafs Tomas Kaberle, a trip to Montreal to see the Canadiens and Leafs, a barbecue and a refrigerator.

Funds raised will be donated to community projects.

To register for the morning session or obtain more information, call the mayor's office (905-640-1910 ext. 227) or e-mail winnie.layland@townofjus.com

Arts centre to be updated

If you want to know what's happening with the new arts and cultural centre in the old town hall, come to the special council meeting June 26.

The meeting for Nineteen on the Park starts at 7 p.m. in the fourth floor council chambers of the town offices at 37 Sandiford Dr.

The final draft design drawings and detailed project costs will be presented.

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For the love of Stouffville, they volunteer

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
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They really like your town and they're going to show it.

Love Stouffville, a joint effort of the Stouffville Ministerial Association, begins today and runs through July 1.

People from churches throughout the community are coming out, rolling up their sleeves and cleaning

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up town in time for Strawberry Festival, which opens Wednesday.

Volunteers have met at EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church to map strategy.

Their slogan is "Joining together

in expressing Christ's great love for the people of Stouffville."

The project is part of the Love Your City campaign affiliated with the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada's Celebration 2007.

They'll be doing things such as cleaning up Duffin's Creek from 9 to noon and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday June 25.

Wednesday, they're setting up the tables and chairs in the Franklin park

marquee, 1 to 4 p.m. They're doing a town clean up from 7 to 9 p.m.

During the festival, they will be supervising games, working the gift shop and selling tickets for the comedy night, amongst other duties.

If you'd like to join the movement, go to lovestouffville.ca and click on the button on the top left of the page.

National honours for Welcome Wagon rep

Make that twice.

Stouffville resident Dianne Darling has won a national award for excellence in service from Welcome Wagon Ltd. for a second time.

She won the Irene Renaud Award for the first time in 2003 and the community welcome award in 1994.

In her 30 years with the organization, Mrs. Darling has welcomed new residents to the community with baskets filled with gifts from local merchants and information from organizations and the town.

Her achievements were recognized at the June 19 Whitchurch-Stouffville council meeting.

Welcome Wagon is a Canadian-owned company in existence

since 1930. Its representatives bring welcome baskets to families new to town, expectant parents, new grandparents, brides-to-be and those who are celebrating an executive appointment.

Wishmakers need help

Granting the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses is behind the Wishmaker Parade at The Bruce's Mill Conservation Area in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Although the event, a first for York Region, doesn't take place until Oct. 13, volunteers are needed now.

The parade, also called the Walk for Wishes, is the marquis fund-

raising event of The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada and is hosted locally by York Regional Police. Chairperson Kathy Greig is a criminal intelligence analyst with the police service.

Wishmaker Parades are held in more than 100 communities across Canada.

Volunteers are needed to help plan the parade and also help on the day it takes place. You could find prizes or food and beverages to be donated for the parade. Help come up with a theme for the parade or help organize the celebration and entertainment for parade day.

In addition, "all our volunteers will be encouraged to be pledged walkers," Frances Makdessian,

event co-ordinator for Ontario, said.

Children's wish recipients and their families are always an integral part of the parade.

The organization began in 1983 and has fulfilled the wishes of more than 12,000 children.

In addition to the parade, the Ontario chapter of The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada is also holding the first annual Air Transat Golf for Wishes tournament June 26 at the Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville.

Call 905-427-5353, ext. 229 if you want to help out. Log on to www.childrenswish.ca for more information.

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