

Celebrity dinner pumps up Strong Kids

You can help children while enjoying a buffet dinner Feb. 18 in Stouffville.

The YMCA's Strong Kids Campaign Boston Pizza Charity Buffet Dinner will also feature a silent auction and appearances by celebrities. Tickets are \$25 from the YMCA's Stouffville office (905-640-2856).

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Tuesday, February 24
5:30 – 7:00 pm
(\$2 per person/ \$5 per family)

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COMING UP

Entertainment in Whitchurch-Stouffville

EDITOR'S PICK



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Preparing for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Winter Carnival at Musselman's Lake Feb. 14 are town staffers Bruce Hatt (from left) and Ashlea Bannon (on four-wheeler), Larry De Marco, of Most Excellent Productions, York Regional Police constables Shaun Testoni and Trevor Draves, Cedar Beach Park staff, Morgan Jenkin, Councillor Phil Bannon, town staffers Peter Alcorn and Shawn Norton and Nelson Hawkins from ATC Corral on a snowmobile.



The Stouffville Kinsmen Club would like to thank the following donors and contributors to this year's Santa Claus Parade. Each year, countless hours go into making the parade what it is, but without their support, the parade would not have been possible. When shopping in Town, let's take the time to thank them.

Rob Pizzale & Steve Sutter
Parade Co-Chairs

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I would like to thank all the little boys and girls who came out to this year's parade to see me. Remember to be good this year and that I am watching. HO HO HO!

Sutter

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Heart-shaped rink on ice for carnival

VALENTINE'S DAY EVENT HAS INDOOR, OUTDOOR ACTION AT LAKE

BY SANDRA BOLAN
Staff Writer

Ice skating on a heart-shaped rink on Musselman's Lake is just one reason to come out to this year's Whitchurch-Stouffville Winter Carnival.

For the sixth year in a row, residents from all over the municipality are invited to celebrate the season by tobogganing, taking ATV rides across the lake, or a horse drawn wagon ride at neighbouring Shadown Lake.

The event takes place at Cedar Beach on Valentine's Day, Saturday, Feb. 14, from 1 to 4 p.m.

To help warm up the belly, the Ballantrae Scouts will be serving up hot dogs, hot chocolate "and the best beaver tails you're ever going to have," according to event creator, organizer and Whitchurch-Stouffville councillor Phil Bannon. Indoor activities are also avail-

able and include choir performances by local schools, a K9 unit demonstration by York Region Police, games and "the best clown around", Doo Doo.

Mr. Bannon originated the winter carnival after being elected to his first term of office six years ago.

"It's only natural for a community of this size to have a winter carnival; we have the best natural setting at Cedar Beach," Mr. Bannon said.

The first year for the event, about 500 people from the immediate community came out for ATV and hay rides. Last year, more than 2,000 people from Whitchurch-Stouffville and neighbouring municipalities ventured out for an afternoon of family fun.

"It's really turned into a great Stouffville community event," Mr. Bannon said.

Cedar Beach is at the corner of Ninth Line and Cedarvale Boulevard on the north side of the lake, about 10 minutes north of Stouffville.

For more information the carnival, go to: www.musselmanslake.ca/upcoming.html

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