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Community arts events dominate 19 on Park

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The Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park is carving out a niche for itself in the community, but it's not quite the one originally envisioned.

When the renovated town hall on Civic Avenue opened in 2009 at a cost of \$3.8 million, it was billed as a location to showcase community arts, but also as a place to hold weddings and other private functions.

Last year, private bookings only accounted for 2 per cent or four of its 214 rentals.

"(That's) because of the nature of the building. The wear and tear on the building," said Steven Foster, cultural facility and programming co-ordinator for the centre.

Instead of hosting 150-person gala wedding receptions, the building has become more conducive to cocktail receptions.

"I get a lot of inquiries. I don't get to accommodate a lot of them," Mr. Foster said.

Nineteen on the Park is located in the heart of Stouffville and is not only surrounded by parkland and Main Street businesses, but also by homes. Which is why

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Music Mania actors and dancers Fenella Smith (from left), Linda Williams and Lisa St. Germain pose during a rehearsal at Stouffville District Secondary School. Welcome To Our Neighbourhood, the 51st edition of the variety show, will be staged at the school April 29 and 30. Tickets are on sale at Card's Appliances, Fame International and Pharmasave.

Mayor won without developers

Town releases election files:
Tanis Hargrave can't run in 2014

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Developers contributed \$11,550 to the coffers of some candidates during last year's municipal election in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

But true to his pre-campaign promise, none of that money was accepted by Mayor Wayne Emmerson, according to documents released by the municipality.

At the start of last year's municipal election, Mr. Emmerson vowed to not take any contributions from developers to fund his re-election campaign. He had traditionally accepted donations from the development community.

"I sent more money back, not just from developers," Mr. Emmerson told The Sun-Tribune, despite running a deficit. "I had enough (money). I didn't need anymore."

Mr. Emmerson's total contributions from individuals, corporations and unions totalled \$23,330.

Mr. Emmerson's campaign spending limit was \$27,792.05.

"I was happy with the way it went," he said.

At the other end of the spectrum, Councillor Richard Bartley took no contributions from any individual or company.

"If I do it this way, I don't have to answer to anybody," he said. "(I kept hearing at the door) developers run the show. That really bothers me and that's not the case."

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