

New look to chamber's business awards this year

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Environmental leadership and community impact are two of the new categories for this year's Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce business recognition awards.

Nominations are also being accepted, until 4:30 p.m. Aug. 26, for best new business, small and large business and not-for-profit of the year, along with young entrepreneur and employee of the year.

"Every business endeavour usually has a key person in it, but they may not be the actual business owner," said Mardi Taylor, executive director of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce.

Gone from the awards are corporate citizen and entrepreneur of the year.

"With (the removal of the) corporate citizen (award) we wanted to set more parameters as in recognizing the business versus the person. So our lifetime distinction (award) recognizes the individual and we have more categories this year that will recognize the business, plus the community impact (award) that takes into account the community well-being," Ms Taylor said.

The lifetime distinction award was given out for the first time last year. Jeweller David Barthau was the recipient.

The award was created to recognize a business person in the community for their

length of service and community involvement.

Along with new categories of awards, there is a new nomination process.

Once applications are received by the chamber, Ms Taylor contacts the company to find out if the nomination will be accepted. If it is, it is then up to the company to complete the application form.

Once the completed application form has been received by the judges, the top two candidates in each category will be contacted for an interview or visit.

"It makes the whole process very transparent," Ms Taylor said. "(The interviews and visits are being done) in order to give the

judges the best information; they really need to talk to the owners."

This year's judges are Dave Cash, CAO for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, Kathy Simpson, rural business consultant for the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and Dan Ruby, small business consultant for York Small Business Enterprise Centre - Region of York.

Any company within Whitchurch-Stouffville can be nominated, it does not have to belong to the chamber.

The awards ceremony takes place Oct. 3 at Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club.

For more information, go to whitchurch-stouffville.ca

What's On in Whitchurch-Stouffville



TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

Leisure

Email: leisure.services@townofws.ca
Customer Service Phone: 905-642-PLAY (7529)

LEBOVIC LEISURE CENTRE FITNESS CLUB SUMMER HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 6 am - 10 pm

Friday: 6 am - 8 pm

Saturday & Sunday: 7:30 am - 6 pm

- Individual programming included with all memberships;
- Fully supervised by qualified staff;
- Lane and Leisure swims included with all memberships;
- Full group fitness schedule 7 days per week.

FREE trial visit...drop by and try before you join!
one free trial per person does not apply to previous fitness members

Special lunchtime group fitness drop-in
12:15 - 12:45 Monday, Tuesday or Thursday

\$5.00 tax included...grab a quick lunch-time workout and have your evenings free!



SPORTS AND GAMES IN THE PARK EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY IN AUGUST 2:30 - 4:30 PM

Drop by for some pick up sports, water games, water balloons, and slip n' slide ages 9 - 15.
\$2.00/youth or free with a youth access card.

Aug. 2 & 4 - Tresstown Neighbourhood Park

Aug. 9 & 11 - Memorial Park beside the Library

Aug. 16 & 18 - Wheler's Neighbourhood Park

Aug. 23 & 25 - Byer's Pond Way Park

Call the Leisure Centre for weekly locations!

Museum



14732 Woodbine Avenue, Gormley
Phone: 905-727-8954 or 1-888-290-0337

HOURS OF OPERATION

Please note that until the completion of construction for the Museum's new Visitor/Community Centre, we will be open by appointment only. Research appointments may still be possible, but must be reserved. The research fee is \$6.00 including HST.

NEW COMMUNITY & VISITOR'S CENTRE PROJECT

Keep your eyes open as you drive past the Museum. Your new Community Centre is almost finished!

Check out details on our construction project under the Current Initiatives section on the Town's main web page: http://www.townofws.com/Visitor_&_Community_Centre.asp We've got floor and landscape plans and some construction photos available to view.

Stay tuned for info on our Gala opening!

38TH ANNUAL ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2011 11:00AM - 4:00PM



Join us as Exhibitors from across southern Ontario display their prized antique & classic cars. Food available in the Tea Room or hot off the BBQ. Historic buildings are open with heritage demonstrations, children's activities and live entertainment to provide fun for the whole family.

Admission: \$7.00 (children under 7 free)

\$17.00 per family of up to 4

Rain date: August 21st

WS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library

30 Burkholder Street, Stouffville
Phone: 905-642-READ (7323) or 1-888-603-4292

LIBRARY WEBSITE DEMO

Thursday, August 11

10:30-11:30 am

Topics include downloading e-books and audio books, renewing or reserving from home, electronic booklists, researching health issues, etc. Free! Pre-registration is required!

MOVIE DAY AT THE LIBRARY

Monday, August 8 - 1:30-3:20 pm

"Rango"

Rango is an ordinary chameleon who accidentally winds up in the town of Dirt, a lawless outpost in the Wild West in desperate need of a new sheriff.

Rated PG. - Free Admission!

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE

An early literacy program for toddlers & young children - Ages 2-3 years

Fridays, August 5, 12, 19, & 26

10:30-11:00 OR 11:15-11:45 am

Cost \$10/child for 4 weeks



LIBRARY HOCKEY CONTEST

In conjunction with Hockey Night in Stouffville

Pick up entry forms at the Library or visit www.whitchurch-library.on.ca

Deadline for entries: Aug. 9 at 8:30 pm



SPLASH! CELEBRATE SUMMER!

Summer Reading Program
Read at leisure and for pleasure with a bonus of earning fantastic prizes!

Call or visit the Library for details!



WORLD BEAT WORKSHOP

Led by Justin Kerswill

Tuesday, August 30 10:30 - noon

Ages 10-13 (grades 5-8)

Cost \$15/participant.

Pre-registration required!

The Latcham Gallery, 6240 Main Street, Stouffville
905-640-8954 www.latchamgallery.ca

Hours: Tuesday to Saturday 10 am to 5 pm

Email: info@latchamgallery.ca

Lynne McIlvride Evans: the Mountain was Like This

July 16 - August 27

This regional artist presents a new series of highly saturated watercolour landscapes incorporating the three-dimensionality and architectural wonders of her earlier work and inspired by her profound spirituality.

Summer Art Jam: Register Today!

August 8-12, 9am-4pm

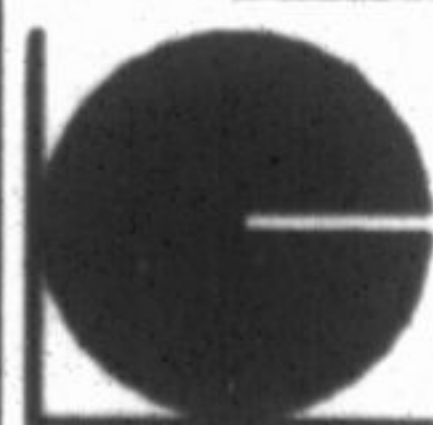
Youth visual art studio program. Work at more challenging art projects at your own pace under the guidance of Bev Kelly, a Stouffville-based artist/educator passionate about teaching art to youth. Call (905)640-8954 to register

Special dance performance by Motus O

inspired by current exhibition.

Admission by donation, all are welcome!

August 25th, 12:30 pm and 7 pm



The Latcham Gallery

Visit your public art gallery in downtown Stouffville. Everyone welcome! No experience necessary.

FROM THE DESK OF THE FIRE CHIEF:

For many, Summer means enjoying outdoor activities such as swimming, fishing, boating or canoeing. Remember these water safety tips for a safe, enjoyable summer... Ensure that everyone has a proper fitting life jacket on when out on the water, regardless of swimming ability. Parents be vigilant about watching your children, it only take a few seconds for a child to get into trouble in the water. Always swim with a buddy, so there is always someone who can go for help in case of an emergency. For more information, about water safety, please contact The Fire & Life Safety Educator, 905-640-9595 ext 236.