

New life in Old Vandorf Hall has familiar look

BY SANDRA BOLAN
sbolan@yrmg.com

The Vandorf Hall has a new owner but very little else has changed.

The former town-owned hall in the Woodbine Avenue community was sold in August to area resident Mike Gaidatsis, the owner of Cosmos Electrical Company.

"We were all sad to see the hall close," said Marg Crown, who took care of the building's bookings for about eight years when it was owned by the municipality.

She continues to do the bookings under new ownership. "It makes me happy. Mike's doing a great job for the community."

DAY CARE ON HOLD

When Mr. Gaidatsis purchased the building, his plan was to turn it into a day care centre operated by his wife. That is still his plan, but he is waiting "until my wife decides what she wants to do".

But for now it remains open to the public. Two regular renters are the Sheffield Judo Club, who have been in the Vandorf Hall for six

years and the Living Water Faith Fellowship ministry, which moved in this past July.

One thing that has changed, just ever so slightly, is the building's name. It is now called the Old Vandorf Hall.

"I said why change it. Make it the Old Vandorf Hall," Mr. Gaidatsis said.

Since the end of July, the inter-denominational ministry of Living Water Faith Fellowship has been renting the hall for Sunday evening service.

The group purchased the old

school house right around the corner from the hall and plan on renovating it and making that its permanent location, said Gerda Dutoit, wife of senior pastor Johan Dutoit.

FAITH ORGANIZATION

The church, which was started in 1988 in Aurora by Pastor Kees Tegnagel, has about 70 members, according to Mrs. Dutoit.

Once renovations get underway on the former school house, which is expected to be later this fall after they take possession of

the building that houses a showcase manufacturing company, Mrs. Dutoit said they want to add a coffee shop to it "with really good coffee," such as coffee available in Belgium from where the couple originally hail.

For more information on the faith organization go to www.lwff.net

The town sold the hall and neighbouring properties as it prepared to open an addition on the nearby Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum, which includes a new community room.

What's On in Whitchurch-Stouffville



TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

Leisure

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

NEW CLASS! ZUMBA GOLD

The Zumba Gold program fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy to follow dance and fitness moves

9 Week Program
Starts Thurs. Oct. 13 pm
Barcode: 17456

MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY OCTOBER 21, 7PM

Rise of the Planet of the Apes
Nineteen on the Park
Bussing available, stops listed at
www.townofws.com/youth

CODY & NICK'S BIRTHDAY SHOW

All Ages Band Showcase ~ Fri, Oct 15 / 6pm

Local bands UPLIFT, HEARTLESS, AFTERFALL, TERROR SPELLS, RIVER CITY, ALTONA, A MODERN LOSS and TO BUILD AN EMPIRE take the Nineteen on the Park stage!

TICKETS: \$10 (at the door)

Presented in partnership with the MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL
And YOUTH UP Youth Committed to Active Healthy Living

YOUTH SURVEY

Have your say at www.townofws.com/youth
or copies at the Leisure Centre. Win iTunes gift cards just by completing the survey.

Ontario The support of the Government of Ontario is acknowledged

Museum



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

Fall Work Bee coming up!

Sunday, October 16th, 2011
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

We need volunteers to help staff prepare the museum for the winter months. We will be clearing the gardens and moving artifacts from the Barn to interior storage. Come for part of the day or all of the day. Lunch will be provided. Please call to let us know if you are available and if you have any dietary restrictions.



The Victorian Gentleman

Discover what life was like for a Victorian gentleman by checking out the Museum's exhibit at the Library. Also check out our website for additional information that wouldn't fit in the case!

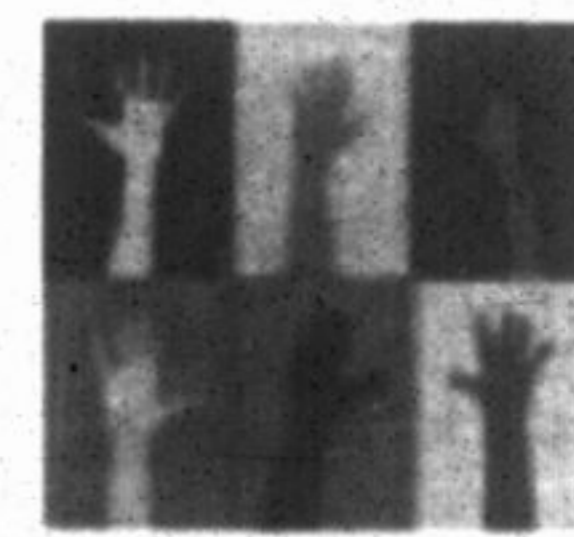


VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED!

For the 31st Annual Victorian Tea
Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th

Are you interested in getting more involved in your community? Do you like interacting with people? The Museum is looking for volunteers to assist at this annual holiday event. Volunteers can help us on Thursday by creating sandwich fillings and organizing and decorating the Main Hall in the new building. On Friday we'll need help prepping sandwiches, plating, serving, and clearing for the guests.

Please contact wsmuseum@townofws.ca
or call 905-727-8954 for more information.



WS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

PINKS 4 STORIES

Thursdays, October 13-November 24
4:00-5:00 pm Grades 1-3
Provides children a unique opportunity to read to a dog and make a friend!
30 minute sessions. \$10 refundable deposit.
Pre-registration is required!



FOOD FOR FINES

Ontario Public Library Week October 16-22
Bring an overdue item and a non-perishable food item and charges for this item will be waived. Not valid for previously incurred fines.



CANDY CORN BINGO

Thursday, October 20
Play this special Halloween Bingo and win prizes!
Ages 3-6 yrs. - 3:30-4:00 pm
Ages 7+ - 4:15-5:00 pm
Free Admission! Pre-registration is required!



ONTARIO PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEK

October 16-22, 2011
Join us for puzzles, quizzes & prizes!

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 21
5:15-7:30 pm
Ages 7-12
Free Admission!
Pre-registration is required.



CASTING OFF THE COLDS!

Sunday, October 16 1:00 pm
Interested in helping the less fortunate in the community? Join this local group of volunteer crafters who donate their projects to organizations and shelters in York Region. Everyone welcome! No experience necessary!



LEBOVIC CENTRE FOR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

19 Civic Ave., Box Office Hours: Wed.-Sat. - 1-6 p.m.
www.nineteenonthePark.ca Phone: 905-640-2322

2011/2012 PROFESSIONAL SERIES

The BEST in Arts & Entertainment - UP CLOSE & PERSONAL

TOMORROW NIGHT! DALA (folk music)
Vocal Group of the Year - 2010 Canadian Folk Music Awards
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 / 8 p.m.
-\$35 regular - \$30 subscriber - \$18 student

THE MONKEY BUNCH (family event)
2011 JUNO Nominee - Children's Album of the Year
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 / 2 p.m.
-\$20 regular - \$17 subscriber - \$10 student

YUK YUKS "ON TOUR" (live comedy)
Featuring Canadian Comedy Award winner Pete Zedlacher!
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 / 8 p.m.
-\$20 regular - \$17 subscriber (an 18+ event)

Visit www.nineteenonthePark.ca
for complete event information.

LOOKING FOR A VENUE FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT?
This unique multi-purpose venue features lighting, sound & projection systems as well as a retractable riser seating system.
Call Steven at (905) 640-2322 for more details - Fall 2011 is booking up FAST!

UPCOMING STARLIGHT CINEMA SCREENINGS

Wednesday, October 26 / 7pm

POTICHE

(14A, Comedy / French with subtitles)
"A glossy throwback made with a modern eye" - Los Angeles Times

Wednesday, Nov 9 / 7pm

MEEK'S CUTOFF

(PG, Western)
"Visually stunning and extraordinarily textured" - Village Voice

Tickets: \$7.50 regular
\$5.00 member (at the door)
Annual Memberships: \$12
(receive member pricing for one year)
Friends of Starlight Cinema: \$100
(all films for one year)

FROM THE DESK OF THE FIRE CHIEF:

In an emergency, how can you be sure the emergency vehicles will find you? The Fire Department would like to remind you that having your house clearly marked is VERY important. Ensure that you have clear, legible numbers, that can be easily seen from the road, especially at night. If you have a green municipal number sign ensure that all the numbers are legible and that the sign is free from vegetation or other obstacles. To order a green sign or for more information, call 905-640-1910 ext 2253. Remember...Hard to Find is Hard to Help!

9
1
1