

# York housing market hot

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The real estate market was booming in October with GTA-wide sales up 17.5 per cent compared to last year.

More than 1,400 York Region homes changed hands last month, bringing the year-to-date total to just less than 15,000.

The numbers bode well for a strong finish to a year that started with more demand than supply, Toronto Real Estate Board president Richard Silver said.

"Homebuyers who found it diffi-

cult to make a deal in the spring and summer due to a shortage of listings have benefitted from increased supply in the fall," he said.

Average sales prices across the GTA were also up 8 per cent.

The average price of a home sold in York Region last month was \$548,813.

"Sellers' market conditions remain in place in many parts of the GTA. The result has been above-average annual rates of price growth for most home types," board senior market analysis manager Jason Mercer said.



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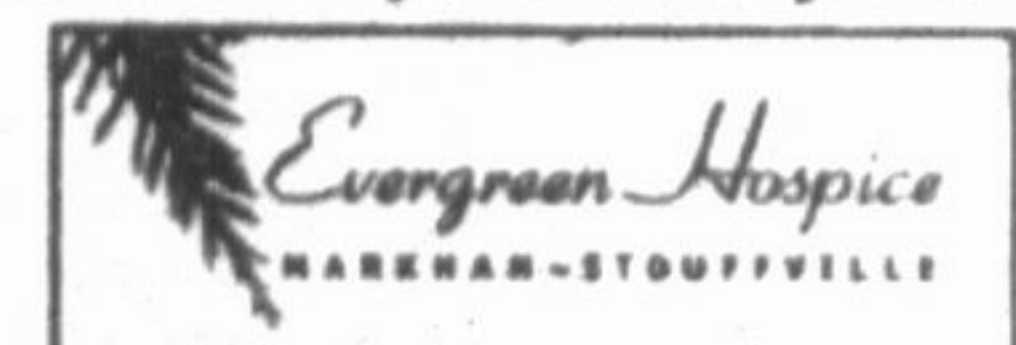
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Not looking forward to the holidays because of the death of someone special?



## A Not-So-Jolly Holiday: Coping with the "Season"

Sunday, November 27, 2011 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Markham Seniors Activity Centre Auditorium  
22 Water Street, Markham

Join us for our annual Not-So-Jolly seminar on how to cope with the holiday season. Dr. Bill Webster offers a 40 minute presentation. A memorial celebration will follow. Refreshments will be served.

Free of charge thanks to  
**Dixon Garland Funeral Home**

Please call to register: 905.472.5014  
All Welcome

# What's On in Whitchurch-Stouffville



## TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

**Leisure**

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

OPEN HOUSE

Heart Wise Exercise Partnership  
Monday November 21, 1:30 - 3:30 or 6:30 - 8:30  
Lebovic Leisure Centre

Town of WS Fitness Club is now working with Southlake Regional Health Centre helping those "at risk" of a cardiac episode. Details: 905.642.7529 x 328

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THE GLEE MOVIE

Friday November 18 - 7pm

Movie Night continues at Nineteen on the Park. Transportation available before and after the movie.

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DOORS OPEN LOCAL BAND SHOWCASE IS BACK

Saturday November 19 - 5:30pm  
\$10 Entry (\$8 with item for foobank)

Details online www.townofws.com/youth  
Youth up! Youth committed to Active Healthy Living

HOLIDAYS SPECIAL

Available November 14 - December 31

One month Fitness \$55 / one month Fitness plus \$66 (includes group fitness/ aquafit) / 13 for 12 on any membership (memberships include access to all leisure swims)

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WINTER PROGRAM REGISTRATION BEGINS:

Online: November 29, 6pm (residents only)  
Walk in: December 1, 6am  
December 6, 6pm, (non residents)

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PA DAY ACTIVITIES

Friday November 25

Swimming 1:30 - 3:30pm  
Skating Stouffville Arena, 1 - 3pm

**Museum**

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

31st ANNUAL VICTORIAN TEA

WE ARE VERY DISAPPOINTED  
BUT THE TEA MUST BE CANCELLED

Because of delays incurred during the ongoing construction project for the new Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum & Community Centre, it is necessary for the Museum to cancel its 31st Annual Victorian Tea, scheduled to be held Friday, November 25th, 2011 in the new building.

Those individuals who have already purchased tickets for this event will have their money refunded.

Please see the Museum's website for images of the construction to date: www.townofws.ca/museum.

A CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 10th  
6:30 and 8:00 pm

Join our costumed staff on this enchanting evening tour! Explore the development of Christmas traditions while sampling 19th-century foods, entertainment, and decorations in our Pioneer Log Cabin and Victorian Farmhouse. Enjoy a horse-drawn wagon ride and then warm up with hot apple cider, traditional baking, and maybe even some Christmas carols.

Due to limited space, advance ticket purchase is required.  
Adults: \$15.00, Children: \$10.00

**Library**

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

Need assistance with genealogy research?

Visit the Library on **Wednesdays** from 1:00-4:00 in November and a volunteer will be available to help you!

PA DAY MOVIE

Friday, November 25  
1:30-3:00 pm

"Spy Kids: All the time in the world in 4D"  
A retired spy is called back into action, and to bond with her new step-children, she invites them along for the adventure to stop the evil Timekeeper from taking over the world. Bring your own snacks. Free Admission! Rated PG-13.

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MICROSOFT WORD

November 16, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

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MICROSOFT EXCEL

November 23 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Cost is \$40 per class (includes the HST). Pre-registration is required.

INTRODUCTION TO FACEBOOK

Thursday, November 17 7:00 pm

Cost \$10 Pre-registration required

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Discovering E-Readers

Thursday, November 24 7:00-8:30 pm

Admission is free!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Library Book Sale Committee  
Willing to donate a few hours a month and need strong arms to carry boxes of books and access to a vehicle to move boxes. If interested, contact Carolyn Nordheimer James at ext. 223

**LEBOVIC CENTRE FOR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

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www.nineteenonthepark.ca Phone: 905-640-2322

2011/2012 PROFESSIONAL SERIES

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FIND THE OTHERS (live music)

A new live music & video project featuring ANDY SHEPPARD  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25 / 8 p.m.  
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CELEBRATE! HOLIDAYS OF THE GLOBAL VILLAGE (family event)

Start a new SANTA CLAUS PARADE DAY tradition with your family!  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 / 11:30 a.m.  
• \$20 regular • \$17 subscriber • \$10 student

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A CHRISTMAS CAROL (seasonal event)

Motus O's production has become an annual Stouffville tradition!  
DEC. 16 / 7 p.m., DEC. 17 / 2 p.m. & 7 p.m., DEC. 18 / 2 p.m.  
• \$35 regular • \$30 subscriber • \$18 student

Visit [www.nineteenonthepark.ca](http://www.nineteenonthepark.ca) for information on all 2011/2012 Professional Series Event!

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, November 23 / 7pm

IN A BETTER WORLD

(14A, Drama / Danish with subtitles)  
WINNER - 2011 Academy Award & Golden Globe / Foreign Language Film

Wednesday, Dec 14 / 7pm

THE TREE OF LIFE

(PG, Drama)  
WINNER - Palme D'or / 2011 Cannes Film Festival

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:

Hello, it's Chief Rob McKenzie here again to remind you...to keep your family warm and safe this heating season, remember to have your chimney cleaned regularly. Have a qualified professional inspect your chimney or furnace after each heating season. Use a metal or non combustible container to remove ashes from the wood stove. Store ashes well away from buildings. Install a Carbon Monoxide alarm outside sleeping areas.