

# Concert, barbecue lead up to 28th Strawberry Festival

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Stouffville Lions' roast beef barbecue in Memorial Park.

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A battle of the bands will take place at the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park that day as well.

New to this year's festival is a children's reading hour Friday night, along with a movie in the ball diamond, also on Friday.

"We wanted to keep with so many things people loved," Ms Armstrong said of why not many of the events change from year to year.

Despite organizers' best efforts, there will be one change. The Ballantrae Lions Club will not serve up their traditional pancake breakfast Saturday morning.

The service group is downsizing its activities due to a dwindling membership and the festival is one of the casualties.

"Lack of manpower and it's too much for the few of us who are left," said Marilyn Agnew, one of the eight remaining members of the Ballantrae Lions.

Ms Armstrong said the festival committee members are looking for another organization to take it over.

Events leading up to the festival include Wednesday evening's concert at Stouffville United Church and Thursday night's

"(They're) not part of the festival, but we wanted to promote them," Ms Armstrong said. "The thing that people don't understand is they are independent events. ... We try to promote these pre-festival events but they are not a part of the festival schedule."

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"Anytime you can collaborate to the benefit of the town ... then why not try and do it," Ms Armstrong said.

The festival concludes that night with Canada Day cake and fireworks.

For more information, go to [www.strawberryfestival.ca](http://www.strawberryfestival.ca)



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Expect strawberries at next month's 28th annual berry festival in Stouffville.

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