

COMING UP

New events, old favourites juice up festival

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Street mini putt, the Stouffville Lions' rubber ducky derby as well as a car show are some of the new events taking place during this year's Whitchurch-Stouffville Strawberry Festival.

"Everybody loves mini putt," said Shaen Armstrong, the festival's outgoing chairperson.

The festival runs from June 28 to 30.

However, before the official opening ceremonies kick off Friday night, the Stouffville Music Festival, which features Men of Note, takes place Wednesday at Stouffville United Church. The concert is presented by Music Town Ontario and starts at 8 p.m.

Thursday night is reserved for the annual Stouffville Lions' beef barbecue in Memorial Park's pavilion.

Dinner is served from 4:30 to 7 p.m. and costs \$10. You also receive two salads, a drink and strawberry shortcake for dessert.

The carnival starts up that evening, too.

The official ceremonies on Friday night starting at 6:30 p.m. include the Stouffville Sun-Tribune citizen of the year and sports person of the year award presentations.

PRE-FESTIVAL EVENTS

Markham's School of Rock and the Lian Hua Arts Group will both perform.

At dusk, *Surf's Up* will be shown at the ball diamond, kicking off this summer's Friday night outdoor movie series.

Laughter will fill the tent, courtesy of comedians taking part in Giggles Comedy Night. The show is open to those 19 and older. Tickets are \$20 at the door or two for \$30 in advance.

Tickets can be purchased until June 28 at

Barthau Jewellers, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Leisure Centre and Stouffville Pharmsave.

Before you take in a full day of carnival and pony rides or toss a ball at the dunk tank Saturday, fill up on some pancakes and strawberries. They will be served up fresh from 7:30 to 10 a.m. outside Latham Hall.

CANADA DAY FIREWORKS

The People's Parade goes along Main Street from 9 to 9:30 a.m. The street will be closed to traffic for the day in the downtown core and filled with vendors and pedestrians - it's the most popular event on the festival schedule.

What About Bob plays in the marquee tent from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$5 each and the show is restricted to those 19 and older.

The ecumenical church service takes place Sunday morning at 9:30 in the tent or you can participate in the 5K run/walk, which supports the town's Join In program. The run starts at the Stouffville Clippers Sports Complex.

Throughout the day, the carnival will continue to run and vendors will be set up along Park Drive and Burkholder Street.

The Buttermakers' ball tournament moves from Bethesda Park to the downtown diamond for the finals.

The long weekend wraps up with Canada Day festivities Monday.

Along with the carnival, there is a free family swim at the leisure centre from 1 to 4 p.m.

The Blackboard Blues Band takes to the tent's stage at 6 p.m. Also in the tent will be the serving of Canada Day cake (7 p.m.). Fireworks light up the night sky starting at dusk.

For more information and a complete list of Strawberry Festival activities, go to www.strawberryfestival.ca



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Expect Main Street to be jammed again June 29 during the 2013 Strawberry Festival.



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