

Fireworks will light up the sky over Memorial Park again Dec. 31.



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COMING UP

# Mayor hopes successor will continue New Year's Eve event

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Mayor Wayne Emmerson is ending the year with a bang, literally.

After about 15 editions, this New Year's Eve celebration in Memorial Park will be his last.

Mr. Emmerson is not running for re-election next fall, but is instead vying for the regional chairperson's position.

The mayor is hoping whomever is sitting in his chair next year will continue with the event, which includes free hot dogs and hot chocolate, a bonfire, wagon rides and ice scul-

ture demonstrations. If weather permits, there will also be ice skating.

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The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville event costs the taxpayers nothing because whatever Mr. Emmerson fundraises, is how much he spends.

On average, the evening costs \$15,000, he said.

The non-alcoholic event

gets underway at 6:30 p.m. Fireworks go off at 9 p.m.

When the weather is quite delightful, a couple thousand people descend upon the park.

But when it's frightful, people venture to the park, but stay in their vehicles to watch the night sky light up, according to Mr. Emmerson.

The early ending to the event enables parents to tuck in their tired tots and continue the celebrating until the clock strikes 12.

"It's a great night and we don't take away from the restaurants," Mr. Emmerson said.

## IN OUR COMMUNITY



On Saturday, November 30th Oak Ridge Family Eye Care held its Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. MP Paul Calandra, Councillor Susanne Hilton, and one of the Chamber of Commerce Directors Claudiu Popa were in attendance in addition to family, friends, and staff.



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