

Actors, musicians take over Main St.

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Thespians will replace vehicles along Main Street, July 17.

As part of the downtown's dinner/dance series on Main Street, the core will be closed between Market Street and Park Drive for theatrical and musical performances.

"The idea is to bring life to the street - dancing, eating, exploring," said Anna Rose, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville's downtown co-ordinator.

The impetus for the four-event series was last year's car show and Moonlight Madness, both of which had a portion of Main Street closed in the evening.

"Thousands of people showed up. It was amazing," Rose said, estimating the two-event attendance to be around 7,000 people.

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MARION DREXLER: Stouffville singer's band will play Main Street during event this month.

downtown core," she said.

Shadowpath Theatre Company, which has brought Readings in Wineries to Whitchurch-Stouffville, will perform a three-act play on Main Street.

It will be interspersed with live music by the Marion Drex-

ler Band and Erwin Schack.

"There is interest in theatre. We need to bring it outdoors," Rose said.

The two other dinner/dance events take place Aug. 22 and Sept. 11. The rain dates will be Aug. 23 and Sept. 12.

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One dinner/dance evening was already held June 19.

The Aug. 23 evening will be Latin-themed, complete with flamenco dancers and cha lessons. It is being held in conjunction with Moonlight Madness.

World music is the Sept. 11 theme.

The road closure is between 4 and 10 p.m.

Gallery visitors create flag at festival

The Latcham Gallery got into the Canada Day Spirit early.

The Main Street gallery asked visitors to last weekend's Strawberry Festival to help build a community art flag - Canadian, of course.

"What a response we got," said education programs manager Jennifer Onlock. "And we were thrilled with the results."

The flag include 210 four inch by four inch squares making a seven-foot flag.

"We had all ages participate, and it was great watching it build throughout the day," she said. "We began at 9 a.m., and the last piece was put on by a young girl at 4:55 p.m."

For more information on the gallery, go to latchamgallery.ca

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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THURSDAY, JULY 2

TO MARKET

The weekly Stouffville Farmers' Market is on today from 2 to 7 p.m. in the Latcham Gallery parking lot, on Main Street just west of Market Street.

FRIDAY, JULY 4

CHILLY NIGHT AT MOVIES

Frozen will be screened at dusk during Stouffville's free outdoor movie series in Memorial Park. Series continues Fridays through Aug. 15. Monsters University will be shown July 11. For information and weather-related updates, call 905-640-0749.

MONDAY, JULY 14

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Workshop of Wonders is the theme for this year's VBC at St. James Presbyterian Church, Stouffville, July 14 to 18. Free registration. Crafts, snacks, learning, community service. Call 905-640-3151

FRIDAY, JULY 18

GUITAR GREAT

Renowned finger style guitarist Terry Tufts plays the Earl of Whitchurch Pub, 6204 Main St., at 8 p.m. Call 905-642-3275. Suggested donation \$10.

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- Turn over items such as wading pools, wheelbarrows and small boats
- Clear leaves and twigs from eavestroughs, storm and roof gutters
- Unclog drainage ditches so that water flows freely
- Make sure swimming pool pump is circulating water
- Clear out dense shrubbery where mosquitoes like to rest
- Turn over compost frequently
- Check that door and window screens are tight fitting and in good repair
- Drill holes in the bottoms of containers so water can't collect

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