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Jackson Shaw (from left), Ben Collis, Ruby Shaw, Dara Collis, Darlene Shaw, Ward 2 Councillor Maurice Smith and Shana Daniel pose with United Soils' Tiny Seedlings float in preparation for the Snowflakes and Starlight Winter Carnival.

COMING UP

Carnival move guarantees ice

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Skate under the stars, sip some hot chocolate and watch fireworks light up the winter night sky.

Snowflakes and Starlight Winter Carnival takes place at the Ballantrae Community Centre, 5592 Aurora Rd., Feb. 20 from 5 to 8 p.m.

"Councillor (Maurice) Smith wanted to take it in a slightly different direction, as did staff and the Musselman's Lake Residents' Association," said Joan Crosbie, manger of culture for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville in reference to the long-held winter carnival hosted by former Ward 2 councillor Phil Bannon.

"Simple evening skate and hot chocolate was a direction we wanted to go in," she said.

The event was going to take place on Musselman's Lake, but as there is no guarantee the ice will be thick enough, it was moved to Ballantrae.

A skating rink will be made in front of the tennis courts.

There will be food available for purchase from three food trucks. Hot chocolate is free, courtesy of Tiny Seedlings. They are also sponsoring the fireworks.

Crosbie is hoping for "a couple thousand people" to attend.

Admission is free. Please bring your own skates.

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