

Cross walk, Easter Bunny on Main St.

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We're all excited and ready for Easter weekend, and so is the town.

Throughout the weekend, Stouffville will have several Good Friday services and Easter celebrations across the community.

It starts with the annual Good Friday Cross Walk and Ecumenical Service, organized by Christ Church Stouffville, St. James Presbyterian Church, Stouffville United Church and Lemonville United Church.

The walk starts at Christ Church at 8:30 a.m., but participants can join at any time along Main Street. The route will end at Stouffville United Church just in time for the ecumenical service at 10 a.m.

"Last year there were 15 to 20 of us," said Rev. Elizabeth Cunningham of Stouffville United Church. "The service rotates every year, this year it's at my church. There will be a combined choir of all the churches."

Participants will have the chance to carry a large cross over their shoulder as a reflection of tradition.

Cunningham, who only moved to Stouffville last year, says she likes the tradition. In earlier times, churches often did

processions out in local neighbourhoods, so she believes it is refreshing to see something similar.

"I like it, it's just bringing the faith out of the buildings and into the public space for a short time," Cunningham said.

On Easter Sunday, a Sunrise Service is scheduled with her church and St. James at the Millard Street reservoir at 7 a.m. Worship services continue at St. James at 10 a.m. and Stouffville United Church at 10:30 a.m.

The town is hosting egg hunts downtown and at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum and Community Centre Saturday. The museum egg hunt takes at 1 p.m. running until 2:30 p.m. Preregistration is required with the cost set at \$10 for children and \$5 for adults. Participants will have the chance to decorate cookies with an Easter theme.

The popular downtown egg hunt will begin at the train station where children can meet and go on a tour of downtown businesses. Participants will be given a passport that they can stamp after visiting local businesses. Upon return to the train station, they will be given Easter candy. The tour leaves four times: 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. The Easter Bunny will hop by and pose for photographs.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

FIND THOSE EGGS

Downtown Stouffville hosts its annual Easter Egg Hunt from the Stouffville Train Station. Tours leave at 10 and 11 a.m. and noon and 1 p.m. Get a photo with the Easter Bunny. Call 905-640-1900.

HOP TO IT, KIDS

Celebrate Easter at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum in Vandorf at 1 p.m. Go on an Easter egg hunt, decorate freshly baked sugar cookies with an Easter theme and create a work of art. Recommended ages: 3 to 10. Children \$10, adults \$5. Pre-registration required. Email: wsmuseum@townofws.ca or phone 905-727-8954.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

MAYOR, MP FOR DINNER

Mayor Justin Altmann and Minister of Health Jane Philpott speak at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce's annual mayor's dinner at 6 p.m. at Sleepy Hollow Golf & Country Club, 13242 Tenth Line. Tickets are \$55 for members and \$70 for non-members. Call 905-642-4227.

TRAILER PARKERS

Mr. Lahey and Randy from the Trailer Park Boys return to 19 on the Park. Show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$29. More at 19onthepark.ca

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

BOND? JAMES BOND

Evergreen Hospice hosts its 22nd annual gala — with an 007 theme — at 6 p.m. at Angus Glen golf club. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Evergreen at 416-499-2185 or go to www.evgares.org

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

SPAGHETTI NIGHT

1st Ballantrae Scouting Group hosts a Community Spaghetti Dinner with Loonie and Silent Auction from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Ballantrae Community Centre, 5592 Aurora Rd. Tickets at the door: Adults \$10, children \$5 (7 yrs and under). More information from 647-961-5925.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

SOME LIKE IT HOT

The eighth annual Chili Cook Off, which supports the Whitchurch-Stouffville Emergency Care Fund, is on from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church, 12485 Tenth Line. Admission is \$5 and includes all the chili you can eat, a drink and a hot dog. People interested in entering need to submit a copy of their recipe by March 30. Full contest details are available at www.eastridge.ca

YOU WRITE THE SONGS

The Cornerhouse on Main, 6403 Main Street, is hosting Saturday songwriter open mic sessions from 2 to 5 p.m. starting today. Call 905-640-8494.

SEA LUST

Get your boarding pass for an evening of hilarious hi-jinx on the high seas when the S.S. Lust Boat sets sail for a murder mystery evening at Christ Church Anglican Stouffville. Tickets \$20 at the church office or \$25 at the door. Call 905-640-1461.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

MEETING AND A SHOW

55 Plus Club holds its annual meeting at 11:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon and a Gone With the Wind fashion show. Tickets \$15. Call 905-640-1910, ext. 2955.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

SOUNDS CHARITABLE

Stouffville Cares: A Musical Celebration in support of refugees begins at 7 p.m. at Nineteen on the Park. Featured are Jason Wilson and the Perennials, Stouffville alternative folk musician Greg Mashinter, York Region's 14-voice chorale The Tudor Consort, and legendary musician George Mimitri Sawa, specializing in traditional Arabic music. Tickets are \$35 from nineteenonthepark.com/or 905-640-2322.

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