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Santa waves to the crowd at the Stouffville Santa Parade.

Santa Claus Parade on schedule despite construction

Construction on Main Street causes route change

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No amount of roadwork will stop Santa coming to town.

The town's Santa Claus parade is set for Saturday, Dec. 3, with the theme "Winter Wonderland", despite ongoing roadwork on Main Street and Cam Fella Boulevard.

The parade is organized by the Stouffville Kinsmen Club; the charitable club's been the lead organizer for more than 20 years in the community. Member Steve Sutter says the parade brings the community together.

"It's a great time to see all the different floats from the community and you can meet all your neighbours," he said. "Get out there and see what Stouffville's all about."

Start time is set for 2 p.m., while the route has been adjusted this year due to ongoing construction on Main Street between Tenth Line and Stouffer Street.

This year, the parade will start at Tenth Line and Aintree Drive/North Street. Floats will lineup on Cam Fella Boulevard off of Mohawk Gate.

From the starting point, the parade will head down Stouffer Street to Millard Street and then down to Main Street from there. The parade will continue along Main Street through the downtown core, ending at Ninth Line.

Stouffville Kinsmen asks that floats be ready for 1:30 p.m.

Registration for floats is still open and certificates of insurance must be provided by each entry at registration time. Entry fees for businesses are a minimum donation of \$75 while nonprofit, community service groups and schools are admitted for free.

To register, email Stouffville Kinsmen at StouffvilleKinClub@gmail.com

MEAT OF THE MATTER...

Even if you are a die hard NFL fan, you must take a moment out of your week to think CFL and the Grey Cup. Further, this can't be done on an empty stomach, so we're here to help.

First, there will be **Jumbo Chicken Wings**. If you are going to be noshing on wings, these are worth the work! **Featured at \$4.99/lb**

Next, you'll be able to get **Boneless Pork Butt Roasts**, which are the best option for making your own **Pulled Pork**. These will be featured at **\$4.49/lb**

And lastly, you'll have a choice of **Ground Meats** to make chili. There will be **Medium Ground** (actually ground chuck of old) which will be featured at **\$4.99/lb** or our **Ground Sirloin**, which will be **\$7.95/lb**

DINNER

From the frozen section this week come two of my childhood favourites; the first will be **Cream of Tomato Soup**but not Campbell's, rather ours, which starts with chicken stock, sweet onions, celery, lots of tomatoes, and fresh herbs. **Reg. \$8.95 per 900ml container.**

The second will be our **Mac and Cheese**, which is what you need, along with chili sauce or ketchup, to watch the games. This is Doreen's recipe and it's one of the reasons that she's my mother-in-law, just sayin'. **Reg. \$12.95 each 8 x 5 foil. Both these items will be featured at 25% OFF THIS WEEK**

SOME CHEESE PLEASE

We tried to work with a couple more manly cheeses this week for the Grey Cup spread, and what we picked were an **Applewood Smoked Cheddar** which has pretty robust outdoorsy flavour, and our **Hockey Puck Beer Cheese**, which is black-waxed and somewhat puck-shaped, and it's seasoned with beer. The game can't start without one of these. The cheddar will be featured at while the pucks are a great deal at **\$9.95 each. 25% OFF THIS WEEK**

WHAT'S COOKIN' AT THE DELI!

One of our considerations this week is to make life around the TV easy enough to fully enjoy the football game, so.... here goes:

RED POTATO AND EGG SALAD is one of those signature dishes at our store, and a couple times a year we make a big deal of it, like this week! We use our new potatoes, mayo, lots of hard boiled eggs, celery too! **Reg. \$1.69/100g, and this will be featured at 1/2 PRICE THIS WEEK**

I got to try our **Dutch Meatball and Vegetable Soup** last week and was pleasantly surprised. Initially the idea of meatballs in a soup threw me off a bit, but they were as juicy as ever in a rich broth, perfect for this weather! **Reg. \$8.95 25% OFF**

Our next item is our **TURKEY CHILI**. This contains almost every type of bean known to man, along with ground turkey, sweet onions, corn, tomatoes and spices! **Reg. \$7.99 per 4 x 5 foil, and the feature will be \$5.99 EA**

Following this will be **MY CHILI** (Evan's) with ground beef and pork, sweet onions, lots of beans, a bit of mustard and lemon, chili and Spices! **Reg. \$7.99 per 4 x 5 foil, and feature will be \$5.99 EA**

How about **Jumbo Chicken Wings** done 3 ways? The ways being Jack Daniel's BBQ, Lemon Pepper and Cajun Spice. These are sold in our hexagonal packs (usually 10 per container) and just need warming, **featured at \$6.99/PACK**

Our Sous Vide feature for this week will be one of our **Rib Eye Steaks in Green Peppercorn Sauce**. Simply follow the package directions, and in 12 min you will have a warm steak as tasty as if you grilled it on the spot, but took much longer, just sayin'. **Reg. \$7.99/100g, and featured at 25% OFF THIS WEEK**

And lastly, our feature salad dressing this week will be **Blue Cheese**, which is timely given the wing feature. Our house-made salad dressings have been a big hit this year, in part because there are some interesting flavours, but in large part because the ingredient panel is good reading. **250ml size, and featured at \$3.99 EA THIS WEEK**

WHAT'S HAPPENIN' OUTSIDE!

We have received another shipment of outdoor greenery and arrangements - and even decorated trees if you don't want frozen fingers.

There are great choices of boughs and adornments if you are a do-it-yourselfer, and our very helpful ladies will assist you should you wish. Indoors, poinsettias abound, with many more to come, as well as cyclamen and amaryllis. Further, inside is getting into the Christmas spirit, as we prepare for our after-hours open house on December 1st. This will be a customer appreciation-evening with lots of treats and goodies of the season - check out website for details.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We make quite an assortment of these for Christmas as you can see in the store. For this year we are making a couple variations using our new 'Thermal Totes' that can be used subsequently to keep food cool - or warm. The contents of these will be all my (Evan's) fave stuff, in two sizes. They hold a lot! **\$149 and \$199**

HOCKEY WITH HEART

We will be doing our annual food drive starting Sunday, December 6th. How it works is that we come Saturday and leave a bag at your door, with a note of explanation, and we'll be back for pick-up the next day. Food is for the Markham Food Bank and the Alliance Church Christmas Project. Watch for our ad and website to let you know what streets we'll be prowling on the particular day. The Unionville Men's Hockey Club and Hockey with Heart thank you in advance for your amazing generosity as in the past, and we look forward to a very successful food drive this December!

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

This week we've made some **Smoked Brisket Sandwiches** for you. These are prepared with a maple and chipotle rub, then slowly smoked. They are then shaved razor-thin and served on Steeles Bakery rye, and are best enjoyed with **\$5.99 THIS WEEK** yellow mustard and a dill.

Sunday Brunch will begin with **Dutch Meat Ball Soup**, and then either **Beef and Mushroom Stew**, **Bow Tie Pasta with Chicken, Grape Tomatoes and Pesto**, or **Sun-Dried Tomato Chicken Breasts**, with either mashed or rice, tea or coffee, and **\$11.95 /PERSON** you have room. **Served from Noon till Two.**

GRAPE TOMATOES!

These are 'Santa Sweets' from Florida, and they are probably the best little grape tomato in captivity. Should you use these with those little Bocconcini and good Balsamic, you'll be captivated as well. Pints **\$1.49 EA**

HAAS AVOCADOS

We try to always stock these avocados because they seem to be the creamiest, and the most consistently excellent. Size 14's this week, and **\$1.49 EA**

CHIPS & DIPS

The chips will be a two-some this week; **Neal Brothers Kettle Chips in assorted flavours** - 220g size, and **Mad Mexican Tortilla Chips**. **Reg. \$4.49 and \$4.99** respectively. Dips will be the **Mad Mexican Guacamole** in the 250g size. Mild and sizzling! **Reg. \$6.99 ea. 25% OFF THIS WEEK**

WHAT'S BAKING THIS WEEK?

Our theme this week is **CHOCOLATE**, and we'll start with **Chocolate Cream Pies!** These start with a graham wafer crust, filled with a luxurious dark milk chocolate centre, and then topped with whipped cream and shavings. If no one is watching, this is a pie for 2, just sayin'! 9" size, **Reg. \$14.95 ea.**

Our next item will be our best-selling muffin, **Chocolate Chunk**. It's made with buttermilk, with lots of Belgian chocolate chunks baked in. These are how my youngest son became taller than me, seemingly overnight. **Reg. \$2.29 ea.**

We will follow this with our **Double-Chocolate Hazelnut Cookies**. What makes these double is that firstly, the dough is rich with chocolate, and secondly, baked-in are milk chocolate and dark chocolate chunks, along with hazelnuts, a touch of cinnamon and coffee. Rather cappuccino-like! These are sold in the hexagonal containers at **\$7.95 ea.**

And lastly, we'll be featuring our **Chocolate Ganache Cakes**. These are from the top-3 list of cakes at the counter, and they are not often featured because there are so many steps to making these. The first is making the cake, which you will find to be 'double-chocolate' as well, because there are chunks baked-in. They are then

assembled into a triple-decker with dark chocolate ganache separating the layers. The third step is that they are 'masked', which means warm chocolate ganache is poured over to fully enrobe them, and then set to chill for a bit. They are then glazed with yet another layer of that warm fluid ganache, chilled yet again, and decorated with curls made out of, you guessed it, chocolate! Totally decadent! We'll be making two sizes, **Reg. \$15.95 and \$25.95** - (which seems pretty reasonable given the work involved). **25% OFF THIS WEEK**

And, all these feaures will be featured at 25% OFF THIS WEEK
P.S. - Doreen's Fruitcake is now out and available - mincemeat too!

SHOPPING BAG ALARM!

We've received some concerns about our shopping bag situation, and let me tell you, the old ones will be back. Our supplier of many years has stepped away from that business, and we've had to find a new source for our bags, which are a bit special. One has been found, but the bags won't be ready for a few weeks - but they are coming. I must say here that I am a bit surprised at the alarm, but it is validation for our thinking over the years of having been willing to pay a bit more for better stuff, whether it's the food or the bags that carry it.



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