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# Stouffville Free Press

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### UP AND COMING

The Stouffville Free Press welcomes community event listings from non-profit groups and organizations. Please send a brief synopsis of upcoming events by email to [stouffvillefreepress@rogers.com](mailto:stouffvillefreepress@rogers.com)

## Free Opinion - The Great Outdoors

The Christmas trees have (finally) gone from outside the house. It is crisp and cold and conducive to a nap, but there's plenty of fun to be had outdoors once you bundle up and take the plunge.

With a growing number of community parks and trails offering winter activities, you don't have to leave town to go skating, tobogganing or cross country skiing. And if you enjoy community get-togethers, it would be hard to beat the Winter Carnival at Musselman's Lake on Feb. 8.

The 11-year-old event, spearheaded by Ward 2 councillor Phil Bannon, caters to outdoor enthusiasts as well as those who prefer to keep warm inside the Cedar Beach Pavilion. From skating, pony rides and a petting zoo to live entertainment hosted by Doo Doo the Clown, this is the perfect family

event. Kudos to the many hard-working volunteers who make the carnival a highlight of our winter calendar.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum is hosting an afternoon of Valentine's Day family fun on Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Young participants can try their hand at cupcake decorating and creating their own heritage Valentine's cards.

The museum is also holding a Family Day celebration on Feb. 17 from noon to 4 p.m. which includes a skating party, hot chocolate, baked goodies and crafts. For full details of museum events visit [townofwsc.ca/en/explore/museum.asp](http://townofwsc.ca/en/explore/museum.asp) and click on special events.

If retail therapy is more to your taste, downtown Stouffville merchants are offering \$25 gift certificates to residents who spend \$150 (before tax) in participating stores. The promotion

runs until Feb. 13 and a limited number of certificates will be offered.

Meanwhile, back in the world of politics, our thoughts turn to the Oct. 27 municipal election. At press time just one candidate - Joanne Iannuzzi in Ward 6 - was officially registered, but Free Press columnist Maurice Smith has announced his intention to run in Ward 2 and current Ward 2 councillor Phil Bannon is in contention for the mayor's chair.

We salute anyone willing to take on this challenge, particularly on a local level, when many of your constituents know you personally and some expect to debate contentious issues in the grocery store cereal aisle. It makes going out in the February cold and shovelling the driveway seem like a cake walk.

## Free Laughs - Love Lines

Love has the power of making you believe what you would normally treat with the deepest suspicion.

*Mirabeau*

My boyfriend and I broke up. He wanted to get married and I didn't want him to.

*Rita Rudner*

No matter how lovesick a woman is, she shouldn't take the first pill that comes along.

*Joyce Brothers*

One should always be in love. That is the reason one should never marry.

*Oscar Wilde*

Valentine's Day is when a lot of married people are reminded what a poor shot Cupid really is.

*Anon*

My motto is 'Love and let love' with the one stipulation that people who love in glass houses should breathe on the windows.

*P.G. Wodehouse*

Women with pasts interest men. They hope history will repeat itself.

*Mac West*

For two people in a marriage to live together day after day is unquestionably the one miracle the Vatican has overlooked.

*Bill Cosby*

Honeymoon: A short period of doting between dating and debating.

*Ray Bandy*

I recently read that love is entirely a matter of chemistry. That must be why my wife treats me like toxic waste.

*David Bissonette*

Love: A mutual misunderstanding.

*Oscar Wilde*

Is not general incivility the very essence of love?

*Jane Austen*

Two lovers in the rain have no need of an umbrella.

*Japanese Proverb*

It's better to have loved and lost than to do forty pounds of laundry a week.

*Laurence J. Peter*

I've been in love with the same woman for forty-one years. If my wife finds out, she'll kill me.

*Henry Youngman*

You know you're in love when you don't want to fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams.

*Dr. Seuss*

I climbed up the door and opened the stairs. Said my pajamas and put on my prayers. Then I turned off the bed and crawled into the light. All because you kissed me goodnight.

*Anon*

Love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind. And therefore is winged Cupid painted blind.

*William Shakespeare*

## Free Thoughts

This winter EVERYONE'S getting into the Olympic spirit...



## Readers Write - On The Waterfront

To the Editor:

Re: The name game

In December's Rear View Mirror column Maurice Smith wrote, "(Musselman Lake) is still known as that despite locals having recently had the name on the signposts changed to Musselman's." However, my family has owned property at the lake since 1923 and it has always been called Musselman's Lake by the residents. Cedar Beach Park has always been on Musselman's Lake. It was not until recently that a few newer people to the area started to refer to the lake as Musselman.

Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville documents all say Musselman's, the Department of Transportation refers to the lake as Musselman's, and all reports from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority refer to the lake as

Musselman's. Although the Google Map headline uses Musselman, all other references on the site are to Musselman's. The Wikipedia entry also has its heading as Musselman, but again, the body of the article consistently refers to the lake as Musselman's.

According to my research, the lake is referred to as Musselman's Lake in many more instances than it has ever been called Musselman.

The name debate was settled once and for all last year when the lake residents were polled about their preference of names. Over 85 per cent voted in favour of staying with the name Musselman's Lake as that is what it has always been called.

Dan Wigmore  
 Musselman's Lake

## Audition Notice

Auditions will be held 4 p.m. Feb. 23 and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25 for Stouffville Theatre Company's June production of *The Affections of May*, written by Norm Foster and directed by Neil A. Marr.

If you are interested in trying out

for the play, which will be performed June 4 to 7 and June 11 to 14, call 905-640-4621 or send an email to [stouffvilletheatre@gmail.com](mailto:stouffvilletheatre@gmail.com). Visit [www.stouffville-theatre.com](http://www.stouffville-theatre.com) for cast descriptions and age range.