

strawberry FESTIVAL

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

Friday Festival Fun



The Whitchurch-Stouffville Strawberry Festival gets under way with a host of great events on Friday, June 26.

Carnival rides will open at 11 a.m. on Park Drive and continue throughout the weekend. The Lawn Bowling Club will host a three game tournament starting at 1:30 p.m. and visitors are invited to drop by and learn more about this fascinating sport.

Young families can visit the marquee at 4 p.m. for story time and crafts hosted by Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, before enjoying the delicious beef barbecue in the Memorial Park pavilion, hosted by the Stouffville Lions Club.

Pan Am festivities will be held at the band shell from 5 to 8 p.m. with the lighting of the torch, a performance by Motus O Dance Theatre and the fabulous summer sounds of the Markham African

Caribbean Canadian Association's Steelpan Players.

Festival opening ceremonies will take place from 8 to 8:30 p.m., followed by a movie under the stars at the GO train station, starting at 9 p.m.

Giggles Comedy Night, hosted by Christina Walkinshaw, will be held at the marquee from 9 to 11 p.m. and will feature the comedic talents of Andrew Chapman and Pete Zedlacher.

Carrying a torch for Stouffville

Pan Am Relay coming to town

The Pan Am Games torch relay will arrive in Whitchurch-Stouffville on the afternoon of Friday, June 26 and the town will mark the occasion with a party in Memorial Park from 5 to 8 p.m.

"We are extremely excited the torch relay will be visiting our town," said Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Justin Altmann. "I want to invite the entire community out to help us celebrate this historic event and showcase Whitchurch-Stouffville to the world."

The lighting of the cauldron will take place in the park at 7 p.m. and celebrations will include music, drumming and the world premiere performance of *Chasing the Dream*, created by Stouffville's Motus O Dance Theatre specifically for the event. PACHI the Pan Am Porcupine will make a guest appearance.

Olympian trampolinist Karen Cockburn will be the community torchbearer, assisted by several other bearers including library CEO Carolyn Nordheimer James and Motus O's Jack

Langenhuizen. The relay will travel east along Main Street from Highway 48 to Park Drive and south to Memorial Park.

In the event of seriously inclement weather, the relay will be re-routed to SoccerCity at 45 Innovator Avenue. For more information and updates visit townofws.ca/torchrelay or go to toronto2015.org/torch-relay/pan-am-games.



Pan Am torchbearer Karen Cockburn



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