

Fundraiser For Alzheimer Research

On Aug. 24 at 8:30 a.m., Bloomington Cove will host its annual fundraiser, Dash to Defeat Dementia, at Bruce's Mill Conservation area on Stouffville Road, with all proceeds to the Alzheimer Society of Canada.

Participants can choose from a 5K trail run/walk or a 10K trail run, with a special Kids Dash for children 8 years old and under. The \$50 registration fee will be donated to the Alzheimer Society and the fee will be waived for those who raise more than \$250.

The timed event includes awards for winners in each group, a medal for 5K and 10K finishers, pancake breakfast, swag bag and free massages. A silent auction and raffle will be held. All those who register for the event will receive a free t-shirt and free admission to the conservation area.

For more information or to register, visit www.dashtodefeat.ca and click on "Register", or call 416-559-6618. You can also register at Bruce's Mill on Aug. 24 between 7 and 8 a.m.

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God and Culture:

Searching for ways to make God relevant

A few thoughts from Heise Hill Church's
Senior Pastor, Steve Authier

Peace ~ let it start with me

The heartbreaking and violent events taking place in Gaza, Syria, Iraq, Sudan, and in many other places in our world are tragic reminders that we human beings tend to fail miserably in our desire to bring nonviolent resolutions to conflict. All this violence and hatred often leads us to ask why God is allowing this to happen to so many innocent people? This is a valid question. How we answer it likely determines how much peace will come to our world.

I am not going to pretend that I can provide an answer that everyone will find adequate. However, I am willing to say that God does not sit idle. One of the greatest gifts we have been given by God is freewill. We as God's creations get to choose much of our own destiny. God does indeed try to intervene in issues like war that go against his nature, but he does not do so at the cost of our freewill. He tries to bring peace by inspiring people to speak out for peace and nonviolent resolutions to conflict.

At last year's Stouffville Peace Festival peace panel three-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee, Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish, shared the tragic story of his three daughters who were killed in Gaza by Israeli tank fire on their home. He tells this distressing story in his book *I Shall Not Hate*. People like Dr. Abuelaish make a choice. They make a choice not to hate. They choose to make a difference. They let peace start with them.

So, when we ask what God is doing about all the violence in the world, we can say that he is trying to make a difference through people. Do not doubt it for one moment—we can make a difference. We can stand up for peace. Jesus came to teach us to love our enemies, not to kill them. As a follower of Jesus I should be willing to try and live that out. Even if one might not accept that Jesus is the Son of God, one can surely accept that they can let peace start with them.

We do not have to be the person that comes up with the solution to bring peace to the Middle East, but we can be part of a culture that refuses to buy into the never-ending cycle of violence.

Let it start with me—with you. Let us live lives that promote peace, lives that encourage others to promote peace. At Heise Hill we encourage you to take part in the Stouffville Peace Festival September 16-21. Go to Facebook.com/StouffvillePeaceFest to learn more.

Heise Hill Church: We meet at 11760 Woodbine Ave., Gormley
(1 KM south of Stouffville Road)
on Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM. Learn more at heisehill.org

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 or call 905-640-3733. The deadline for the September issue is Aug. 19. For event updates visit stouffville.com.

- Aug. 1: Movies in Memorial Park at dusk. Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs.
- Aug. 5: 10:15-10:45 a.m. weekly at the library. Preschool crafts for ages 3 to 6.
- Aug. 6: 10:15-10:45 a.m. weekly at the library. Storytime for ages 2 to 6.
- Aug. 6: 10:15-10:45 a.m. weekly at the library. Craft for ages 7 and up.
- Aug. 6: 1:30-3 p.m. weekly at the library. Board games for ages 7 and up.
- Aug. 6: 2-5 p.m. weekly at the library. Free tech help drop-in.
- Aug. 7: 10:15-10:45 a.m. weekly at the library. Preschool crafts for ages 3 to 6.
- Aug. 7: 1-2:30 p.m. at the library. OEYC Fun with Shapes for ages up to 6.
- Aug. 7: 2-3 p.m. weekly at the leisure centre. Legos for ages 6 and up.
- Aug. 8: Outdoor movie night at dusk at the GO station parking lot. The Amazing Spider Man 2.
- Aug. 8-11: Stouffville Country RibFest in Memorial Park.
- Aug. 10: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum. Antique & Classic Car Show with music, kids' zone, barbecue and more. Rain date Aug. 17.
- Aug. 10: 1-2 p.m. weekly at the library. Chess Camp with Zargon for ages 7 and up.
- Aug. 11: 1:30-3 p.m. movie at the leisure centre. Mr. Peabody and Sherman PG. Free.
- Aug. 14: 1-2:30 p.m. at the library. OEYC Teddy Bears' Picnic for ages up to 6.
- Aug. 14: 4-5 p.m. Teen Book Club on dreams.
- Aug. 14: 7:30 p.m. at Nineteen on the Park. Patio series features Darrelle London. For more information visit 19onthepark.com or call 905-640-2322.
- Aug. 15: Movies in Memorial Park at dusk. Planes.
- Aug. 18: 1:30-3 p.m. at the leisure centre. Lego movie. Free.

Aug. 21: 1-2:30 p.m. at the library. OEYC Family Fun for ages to 6.

Aug. 21: 4-5 p.m. at the library. Teen Advisory Group. All welcome.

Aug. 21: 6 p.m. at Stouffville Arena. Hockey Night in Stouffville with proceeds to Markham Stouffville Hospital.

Aug. 23: 10 a.m.-noon at the library. Super Saturday includes announcement of Summer Reading Program prize winners.

Aug. 24: 8:30 a.m. at Bruce's Mill. Dash to Defeat Dementia. Alzheimer fundraising run/walk. For details or to register visit www.dashtodefeat.ca or call 416-559-6618.

Aug. 25: 1:30-4 p.m. movie at the leisure centre. The Hobbit. The Desolation of Smaug PG 13.

Aug. 28: 4-5 p.m. at the library. Teen drop-in with movies and video games.

Aug. 28: 8 p.m. at Nineteen on the Park. Patio series features Andra Simone. For more information visit 19onthepark.com or call 905-640-2322.

Please note: All library programs except Storytime require registration.

Latcham Gallery is looking for enthusiastic and reliable volunteers to assist with events, gallery sitting, education programs, marketing distribution and more. If you would like to become part of our dynamic team, email us at info@latchamgallery.ca. For more information about our exhibitions, education programs and events visit www.latchamgallery.ca or call 905-640-8954 or drop in to 6240 Main Street, Stouffville.

Stouffville Multicultural Association welcomes new members at their monthly meetings every second Tuesday of the month, 7-9 p.m. at Stouffville Legion, 150 Mostar Street. Call 905-642-1377 for more information.

Stouffville PROBUS welcomes new members. Meetings every second Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon at the Stouffville Legion. For information call Pat Weddell at 905-640-4343.

CNIB needs volunteers in York Region. To apply or for information email Filomena Di Ruscio at filomena.druscio@cnib.ca or call 1-800-563-0887 ext. 5207.

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