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Co-Owns Fast Eddie, is VP Sales &
Marketing for Choko Authentics,
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From the Editor

Welcome to almost-fall. We know it is almost fall because it is time for Fast Eddie Motorfest and King Cole Duckfest. The summer, albeit delayed, has been brilliant. After some scrambling, a lot of the crops and golf greens recovered from winter damage. Very few of our community events, like Ribfest and Strawberry Festival, had substantial rain delays or cancellations.

On the political side, Council passed the new Strategic Plan before exiting on a short summer hiatus.

This issue of OTR is average, meaning a lot of subjects melded together and created an unforeseen theme. The only brilliance on my part is recognizing it. This theme is Nurturing Family Relationships. The death and life articles are heart-wrenching and moving at the same time, while the stories about Borlak Law, Fast Eddie, and King Cole are about families working together – harmoniously. Finally, in Trails revisited – we learn how to create a nurturing family.

So many good things are right here on our doorstep. As Anna Trokova would have said, “Meeting people is like opening a gift – it’s a novelty, exciting and a mystery.” (1)

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◀ Newsflash

In this issue you will notice a “Newsflash” here and there. As it happens, a lot of the subject material also coincides with special events – car shows, duck parties and an over-night forest retreat. All of these event take place in September - don't miss out!

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In another special edition of Societas, we pay tribute to Anna Trokova Dimovski, who adorned the cover of OTR last month. We also celebrate the new life of a surrogate baby. Finally, it's time for a debate.

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In the retail area there are all-natural products, handcrafted jewelry, friendship balls and birdfeeders, spirit animals, incense, natural soaps, and candles and bees wax products. Check it out.

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPLEX ON MAIN ST., ALSO ON COUNCIL AGENDA

Glenn Jackson, Contributor

This is a monthly column summarizing recent Whitchurch-Stouffville Council decisions. Subscribe to our eNewsletter for more detailed information: eepurl.com/cKPNg9

Railway Safety Studies. In March of this year, Whitchurch-Stouffville Council approved the go-ahead to hire a consultant to study safety at all of the urban railway grade crossings in the municipality. These studies could one day lead to whistle cessation at all or some of the crossings in Town.

GO trains currently do not blow their whistles at the Millard Street crossing and the crossings at the intersection of Bethesda Road and Tenth Line. Residents in the vicinity of other crossings in town have continuously raised the issue many times, especially in the Community of Stouffville.

At the July meeting, Council approved the hiring of CIMA Canada Inc. to perform these studies.

CIMA will look at several issues pertaining to railway crossing safety, including an assessment of the safety options available for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists at all of the urban crossings.

CIMA will also evaluate the appropriateness of pursuing whistle cessation at the Town's urban railway grade crossings. As part of this evaluation, safety considerations will be assessed if whistle cessation were to take effect.

Subject matter experts will review available data regarding the safety of crossings with whistle cessation in place and compare them to those without it.

An analysis of the estimated costs to implement safety measures, including whistle cessation, will also be part of the study, as will an evaluation of best practices from other municipalities. CIMA will also analyze insurance and liability considerations that the Town must deal with if whistle cessation were to be put into place.

The safety assessment began in mid-August and is expected to wrap up by the end of the year.

Affordable Housing on Main Street. At the July 16 Council Meeting, representatives from the Region of York gave Council a



An upcoming study will evaluate the safety at all of the urban railway grade crossings in Whitchurch-Stouffville. Consultants CIMA Canada Inc. will evaluate all of the options available to make the crossings safer for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists, including the possibility of whistle cessation. BELOW: A concept drawing of a proposed 6-storey affordable housing complex on the current site of Chas. Richards and Sons on Main St. Stouffville.

presentation about their desire to build an affordable housing complex in the Community of Stouffville.

Housing York Inc. (HYI) is the Region's housing company and oversees 37 properties (approximately 2700 units) housing more than 4000 residents throughout the Region. They are the 7th largest non-profit housing provider in Ontario.

HYI recently purchased 3.7 acres of land on Main Street in Stouffville to build the housing complex. Located at 5676 Main Street, where Charles Richards and Sons currently resides, the new complex will be “rental housing for seniors, young couples, and those living alone” according to the presentation.

The Region said there would be approximately 100 rental apartments with 1, 2- and 3-bedroom units available. There will be indoor and outdoor amenity space with a “potential commercial opportunity.”

The proposed building will be 6 storeys according to the Region, which is currently allowable under the Town's Official Plan and zoning by-laws. The Region will submit a Site Plan Application later this year with construction expected to begin next year.

Occupancy is slated to be in 2022 according



to the presentation.

Funding for the project is included in the Region's 20-year Capital Plan with contributions from the provincial and federal governments hoping to be around 30%.

A Public Open House is scheduled for September 17 at Town Hall for those wishing more information (please see page 22 of this issue of OTR for more details). (1)

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Generally, 4 p.m. or 7 p.m. every other Tuesday in the Council Chambers, 111 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville. Listen live: townofws.ca/cmlivestream. Live tweets: @ws_townhall

A Tribute TO ANNA

Stoyanka Anna Trokova Dimovski (August 31, 1971 - August 8, 2019), OTR "covergirl" in August, a community blogger and social activist, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family at her side, in her 48th year. Beloved wife of Jimmy for 11 years. Proud and loving mother of Lola Liberty and Maximilian Justice.

Her passion for life and living was addictive. Her creative mind always working, always creating beauty and love. She made things happen, never stopped living life with a purpose. Anna's family was her pride and joy. She loved her home in Stouffville, she loved her community and the wonderful neighbours that became great friends. Anna has left us too soon but her kind soul and beauty will always be remembered.

Below is Marissa Stapley's Facebook post shortly after Anna's death had been announced. Marissa is an award-nominated journalist and the best-selling author of three novels, daughter of Bruce Stapley - publisher and editor of the Stouffville Free Press, and a Stouffville High graduate.



Reprinted from a Post by Marissa Stapley

This past year, my dad started talking frequently about a new friend of his, named Anna. She had burst into his world like a firework, approaching his table at a cafe he frequented in Stouffville, our hometown, and striking up a conversation.

If you know my dad, you know he loves to have conversations — especially with people who are passionate, intelligent, and kind. Anna was all of those things. “She’s my adopted daughter now,” he eventually told me.

Frankly, I was skeptical. Who was this woman? Why had my dad unofficially adopted a stranger? But I’ve always wanted a sister and I love my dad, so I agreed to meet her.

We met one morning in late spring at an author event I did at the Hummingbird Hub in Stouffville. I adored her. We went out for brunch afterwards with my dad and joked about how we were sisters now, which meant a great many things — but mostly that she was going to teach me how to drive, something I’ve always been too afraid to do.

Summer approached and we tried to make plans for a driving lesson, and perhaps this will be something I’ll always regret: I had a new book coming out and my schedule was busy. “We’ll have to do it later in the summer once I get back from vacation,” I told her, because Anna was so brilliant, so full of life and light, that I refused to believe she wasn’t going to make it through the summer. I was sure we’d have ages to drive down country roads together, hair flying in the wind, like Thelma and Louise.

Anna died on Thursday night [Aug.8]. My dad and I were driving home from New York

when we got the news, listening to a Father/Daughter road trip playlist I’d made especially for the drive. She was terminally ill, and over the past few years had made it her mission to truly connect with people, to listen and to learn, to turn strangers into friends. If you met Anna, even just once, you know she accomplished that mission. If you didn’t, imagine a random woman, willowy and blond, plunking herself down at your cafe table and starting to chat. Imagine thinking for a moment, “Who is this person?! I just want to drink my latte and stare into my laptop.” Then imagine shrugging and saying, “Why not?” And then imagine being forever changed by her.

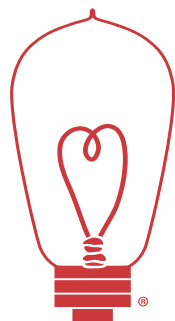


Imagine feeling suddenly open to a new friendship, even if you quickly realize it’s a friendship that’s going to break your heart. Imagine being unafraid, even in the face of a terrible truth. Imagine sparkling with irrepressible light even when, by all rights, you

could be at home in bed wallowing in the sadness of your circumstances. That was Anna.

To say she was special sounds incredibly trite but is incredibly true. In the dictionary, special is defined as, “better, greater, or otherwise different from what is usual” and that was Anna. I’d never met anyone like her, and I imagine -- with great sadness -- that I never will again. If you want to learn more about what Anna was about, you can check out her @the_bulb_chronicles (which would make her so very happy, because it was her passion project during the years she was ill). But, more importantly, if you want to understand what Anna was about smile at a stranger, or better yet, talk to one. Do something kind. Make someone believe that he or she is interesting and unique — because everyone is. Everyone has a story.

Anna wanted us to be open to all the stories the world has to offer. She wanted us to live as if our time could run out at any moment — because it could. She wanted us to do things that scare us, because we’re alive. And she will never be forgotten by the many people she touched with her lively, beautiful energy. ❖



For more about Anna, look for the September edition of the Free Press. Bruce Stapley has written a special column, and has curated a collection of community tributes by Cheequeen Lim, Iain Lovatt, Sue Sherban, Ron Brownsberger, Patrick Lammigan, John Ralph and Rafael Morales, and others.

Finding JORGE A Story about a Surrogate Baby

We covered Jorge de la Garza in July of 2018 when he had launched Twilight Forest, a company that rented fat tire bikes, electric bikes, fishing kayaks and snowshoes from his Aurora Rd. property. Then he was featured again in November 2018, when Twilight Forest had completed the permitting process and renovations to open a Bed & Breakfast operation.

One of Jorge's most memorable moments at the B&B was hosting a group of film students. They produced a movie scene on his property which backs onto the York Regional Forest. I met with Jorge quarterly at Velvet Sunrise for a warm cup of coffee to check on his progress. One day he said, "I'm probably going to have to shut it down and sell my property."

It was a shock - somehow Jorge was having a baby. I wasn't aware of a partner being in his life. He then told me the story featured below. It is an amazing story that I thought should be shared. We will miss Jorge and his business, but we are understanding in that he wants to raise Sarah Elisa within close proximity of a family support system.



Jorge de la Garza, Contributor

Most of us know many families which have had challenges conceiving a child, and perhaps they have opted for the wonderful gift of starting a family through adoption. However, not many of us know a family who has embarked in starting their family through surrogacy, so let's find out what that is all about.

Jorge de la Garza, a resident of Whitchurch-Stouffville, son, brother, friend, engineer, hobbyist musician, outdoors enthusiast, business entrepreneur, and now, a loving father of Sarah Elisa, a 2-month-old precious baby girl conceived through surrogacy. Jorge has had meaningful, loving relationships throughout his life and like many others, had a dream about starting a family of his own some day with a partner. Unfortunately, non-fruitful relationships, and work demands with extensive overseas traveling and after-hours requirements, saw Jorge on his 40th birthday without having fulfilled that family dream.

Jorge waited for the right opportunity to start his family. As the years went by, he realized that adopting a child as a single guy is very challenging and the chances of being picked are very low. At one time when his hopes were particularly low, he remembers going to the bookstore. He found one book that caught his attention: Ricky Martin's biography. He bought the book and read it completely in only a few days and got excited and truly inspired by Ricky Martin's story of starting his own family through surrogacy in Puerto Rico. This seemed to be a brand-new door never explored before that potentially would provide the opportunity to Jorge to start his

own family.

His excitement turned into action and he started researching about surrogacy. To his surprise, there was almost no information available online about the process in Canada or in the world. He visited a couple of public libraries, and there were no materials or books related to surrogacy. It seems that this is such a new topic, that our sources of knowledge have not caught up yet in what it is and what it entails.

As the search continued, he had multiple questions: is it legal in Canada? If so, how could he start the process? How can a surrogate be found? Are assisted reproduction clinics available to help with the process? How much does it cost? What are the legalities around it?... The list was endless, and Jorge's anxiety and frustration started to grow due to the lack of information. He decided to reach out to a fertility clinic in Newmarket to inquire about the process. To his surprise, the clinic indicated that they only deal with couples having difficulties conceiving. They recommended another clinic in Toronto, that may be able to help him in his journey.

He promptly booked an appointment and filled out the lengthy questionnaires that the clinic required prior to the visit. Once the day came, he got to the appointment to what looked like a futuristic place with huge glass windows all decorated in white and with every single staff member dressed in pristine white clothes. After five minutes of introductions, Jorge got to share his story with the person in charge of his case. As soon as he mentioned

the word surrogacy, the person apologized and said their clinic does not support any intended parents who want to embark in surrogacy. Yet again, Jorge was referred to a third clinic, in Etobicoke, that seemed to be the only one available to deal with families started through surrogacy. You can imagine Jorge's disbelief and confusion after spending several hours filling out all of the required documentation and getting a “can't help you” answer from the clinic. However, he was very excited about having found what seemed to be the right place where he could find out more information about how to start his family journey.

That same day, Jorge contacted the fertility clinic in Etobicoke after confirming that they would be able to help with the surrogacy process. He booked an appointment with the head Doctor, who was going to explain the entire process to him. A few days later, the meeting took place and for the first time, Jorge got a good glimpse of the surrogacy process.

In summary, here is how this fascinating process works. There are two different kinds of surrogacy: traditional surrogacy, where the person to carry the baby also donates her eggs to conceive the baby; and gestational surrogacy, where an egg donor (or one of the intended parent in the case of a woman) is involved in the conception of the baby, so there is no biological link between the baby and the gestational carrier or surrogate. The sperm to fertilize the egg could be from a sperm

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TRAILS REVISITED

Newsflash:

Trails Lakeside Wellness Retreat

From 9AM Saturday, Sept. 28 to 4PM Sunday, Sept. 29

Support Trails Youth Initiatives by indulging in a Wellness Retreat in the healing forest of the Whitchurch Highlands. Connect to nature and yourself next to a beautiful private lake on 143 acres of lush conservation land. Rest, rejuvenate and enjoy outdoor activities and incredible plant-based food while learning about wellness, mindfulness and health at informative workshops. The \$350 ticket buys you 2 days, including all activities, room and meals – plus, proceeds will benefit Trails' program for vulnerable youth.

www.trails.ca/events

Two years ago, in September 2017, we visited Trails Youth Initiatives, a camp in the highlands of the Whitchurch Forest. Trails is a unique 27-year-old charity that provides life-long, consistent programming for vulnerable youth. We visited with Founder and Chair Jim Hayhurst Sr. and President Melissa Millward.

In 2017, Trails welcomed twenty 12-year-olds (10 boys and 10 girls) to embark on their four-year journey. In addition, there are optional fifth and sixth year Leadership-in-Training and Facilitator-in-Training (LIT/FIT) programs where students can further develop leadership and life skills. They can also access bursaries to attend post-secondary education. Back then, Trails supported about 100 youth each year, they had a 90% 4-year retention rate, the annual \$800k budget was 100% supported by private contributions (0% from government) and Trails was preparing to double their enrolment.

Two years later, how are they doing? We went to find out.

We arrive to a scene that is the same as before: a glimmering dark lake carries a reflection of the surrounding canopy, a wooden dock juts out towards a buoyed rope, while cabins and a lodge cling to a hillside, hidden in the long shadows of the forest. It is quiet, except for the dance of birds and bugs. There have been some changes: a foyer has been added across the front of the main building; it is a great place for all those shoes, snow boots and hanging coats and jackets. A little further up the hill, a new cabin has been built. Apparently, the campers helped specify certain attributes, like bed-length, etc.

Melissa Millward is still there – she greets us. We sit in a beautiful room lined with windows overlooking the lake. The Chair Jim Hayhurst wasn't available this day, but is still actively involved.

The “quiet” wasn't to last, as a group of campers have just arrived back from an overnight trip on the French River. Random voices exclaim bug bites, body odors and heat. These appear to be “regular kids” returning from camp, not vulnerable youth with tough stories about abuse, a lack of food, bad neighbourhoods and general poverty. But this is the key – Trails nurtures and empowers children to get beyond these major obstacles – and, it's working. The kids I see, are great kids.

Mel reports that their retention rate has increased to 93%, up from 90%. Trails has doubled their enrolment as planned; now they receive 40 new kids a year. 100% of the youth graduate high school, 100% give back to the community, and 75% go on to post-secondary school. The annual budget didn't double with the increased population, but it did rise to \$1.3 million a year. To their mantra, Trails still relies 100% on private charitable contributions – no government assistance. They now work with six inner-city schools.

What else is new? Mel reports the inevitable headaches – two vans and an ATV broke down, the Ash tree disease arrived, which forced a \$30k expenditure to reinstall the ropes course, and for a while, she personally battled with finding balance. To be more self-sustaining, Mel learned that in order to have a broader impact, she needed to bring together people whose combined knowledge and resources work better than apart. “We have great staff - who are

passionate and committed to changing lives,” she said.

In conclusion, Trails Youth Initiatives has become more amazing in the past two years. They need help in three ways: (1) Donate Now or Donate Monthly – they have a charitable registration number and can provide a tax receipt; (2) Name Trails as one of the charities for which your community event raises money; and (3) Volunteer - Corporate partners like Scotiabank, Deloitte, Intact Insurance, RBC, Desjardins, and Telus have been investing in the future of youth with social responsibility in the form of service. Corporate Impact days at Trails Lakeside include hosting corporate Volunteer Teams who come to help build docks, clean cabins, cut wood, rake leaves, and tend to the community garden. (1)

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MEET CORPORAL BRAD COSBURN



Brad Cosburn joined Trails the summer before he started Grade 7 at Milne Valley Middle School in Toronto. His mom died right before he came to Trails and his Aunt TT, was raising him and his sister. Brad's cohort, known as the Moonlight Howlers, committed to attend Trails for two weeks each summer and one weekend each month, for the next four years.

Throughout Brad's journey, he learned to swim, canoe, camp, hike and cross-country ski while gaining important life skills such as taking responsibility for his actions, communicating effectively and managing stress. Brad relied on his committed and consistent staff team who immediately saw past his challenges of low social awareness and low self-regulation and highlighted the energy, enthusiasm and ambition for which he was recruited. Unfortunately, while Brad was on his Year 2 trip the following summer, Aunt TT went into critical condition and ultimately lost her battle to cancer. Brad was forced into foster care and changed homes five times before being adopted into a stable home. Throughout his darkest days, Brad says Trails was the one thing that was always there for him. Brad completed the Four Seasons, Four Years, For Life program and continued to be an LIT in his fifth year, mentoring younger Trails participants and giving back to his community.

Now 21, Corporal Brad Cosburn is studying Fish and Wildlife Technology at Fleming College with support from Trails' Dion Bursary Fund covering his annual tuition and book expenses. In addition, he is part of the Canadian Armed Forces and is currently serving in Norway. Through outdoor skill development, high school credits, mentorship, bursaries and, above all, a constant presence in his life, Trails challenged and equipped Brad to become a contributing member of his community.

“Trails has been the one thing that has always been there for me... I want to thank you for all you have done. It is far more than you know,” said Brad.



**ROBIN KELLY,
HATCHERY MANAGER**

education:
Retail Management @ Sheridan College
first job:
Grading eggs in the hatchery
fav duck dish:
Smoked duck pizza
fav wine style:
Valpolicella
fav summer activity:
Gardening
fav vacation spot:
Anywhere with Family & Friends

**JACKIE FISHER
BREEDER/HATCHERY DIVISION MANAGER**

education:
Agriculture @ University of Guelph
first job:
Grading eggs
fav duck dish:
Confit Legs
fav wine style:
Valpolicella or Pinot Grigio
fav summer activity:
Watching daughters show quarter horses
fav vacation spot:
Europe, I like Spain and England

The Women of King Cole



**PATTI THOMPSON
VP SALES & MARKETING**

education:
Public Relations @ Humber College
first job:
Chasing ducks, paid in Popsicles
fav duck dish:
Duck Wings as Fun Food!
fav wine style:
Pinot Noir, great with Duck
fav summer activity:
Road cycling, including 16km to work
fav vacation spot:
Maui for surfing, swimming, and snorkling

**DEBBI CONZELMANN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

education:
Executive MBA @ Harvard
first job:
Queensville Farm Supply
fav duck dish:
Pan Seared Duck Breast
fav wine style:
Cabernet Sauvignon
fav summer activity:
Golf @ Station Creek
fav vacation spot:
Tuscany, Italy - Love the Old Towns.

ABOUT FAMILY

King Cole Ducks is Canada's largest duck producer. From their farm in Stouffville, duck is being enjoyed by customers in the Middle East, Tahiti, USA as well as here in our own back yard. Their farm fresh store, located at 15351 Warden Avenue, is open 7 days a week, offering fully-cooked products such as smoked duck breast, Roast Half a L'Orange, and confit roasted legs. Ready-to-cook products are plentiful, including whole duck and boneless duck breasts, and Duck Spiedini (tender meat skewers).

King Cole has four generations of family involved in the business. How do they get along? Here are some

Newsflash:

DUCKFEST 2019

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
12-4PM - Rain or Shine
Free Admission & Parking**

Duckfest brings another fabulous day filled with delicious duck and recipes from some of the best local providers. It features free samples, prizes and fun. 3500 people came out for Duckfest 2018. This year the event will be improved: fewer duck stations with more food, more support and more opportunities for dialogue with the visiting chefs. For more details about duckfest visit www.kingcoleducks.com.



random quotes from the Women of King Cole: "We do a Sister's Supper once a month to discuss business, family, sister stuff, difficult issues, and re-connect the silos."

"We actually like each other. We work a lot, but everyone pitches in, extended family comes out - we've nurtured that. We are planning a 110 kilometer walk together this fall in Coboconk."

"Family is incredible. We have fun. We work together and play together. Our vacations together are fantastic. We are not quite ready to pass the torch yet."

A Beautiful Balance Between Franchise & Franchisee

Proudly Canadian, Crock A Doodle was founded in 2002. Currently there are 36 studios in Ontario, Manitoba, and Alberta. The franchise program is slowly expanding across Canada. Not intentionally, all the franchisees are women. Crock A Doodle has a very unique franchise system – with an affordable start-up and no royalties or annual franchise fees.

“Good pricing transfers from the importer, through the franchise owner, and to the customer – we have great buying power as a group which allows us to not charge studio fees to our customers. It’s an excellent franchise model so my husband Leo and I bought and opened one studio and then a year later, bought and opened our second, we’re keeping our eye out for a third,” she says. “My husband Leo,” Sabrina reports, “is the business mind behind the scenes, controlling margins and ordering. He checks in after work. He’s a natural at it, being an account manager in the food industry.”

Sabrina owns the Stouffville and Unionville locations. Apparently, the two studios have very different clientele, despite being the identical franchise. “Stouffville is community-based, whereas Unionville attracts locals and tourists from the area and beyond,” says Sabrina. Her 11-year-old daughter likes to help in the Stouffville location; you’ll often find Christina there, whereas Sabrina’s 14-year-old son Alex prefers the trendier vibe in Unionville.

Sabrina has lived in Stouffville since 1994. She and Leo raised their kids here. Her son is off to Stouffville High this fall. She laughs that once in a while she will be shopping somewhere in town and will overhear a local kid whisper to their mom – “It’s the crock-a-doodle-lady.” Sabrina laughs and loves it. Leaving a stressful corporate life behind her Sabrina recalls how she changed her life completely. While on vacation she visited Crock A Doodle in the Blue Mountain Village. “It was one of the few times where I was relaxed and the whole family was having fun. I told my husband that one day I would own one too. It took several years to make the change, but I did it,” said Sabrina. “I feel like I’ve retired (she’s not that old) – no more alarm clocks, suits, union negotiations, commuting or crisis. It’s busy owning the two studios but in no way is it stressful or draining on the soul.”

She says that Crock A Doodle works as a business model because people these days want to unplug from their busy, tech-infused lives, they want to spend money on experiences, not just stuff. You don’t need to be an artist or be creative; it’s fun art, not fine art so anything goes! No appointments necessary to come into a Crock A Doodle – you just grab a piece of pottery from the endless selection generally in the range of \$8-\$30 and sit and paint it in the bright and colourful studio. There’s a 3-5 day turn around for it to be kiln-fired. They also offer convenient Doodle-To-Go kits so you can bring the experience home or to the cottage, etc.

The Stouffville studio is 3-years old this fall but every day she and her friendly staff are still greeting brand new



painters. Sabrina hopes this article will invite more new families to discover the fun of pottery painting. She says the studio welcomes children of all ages but that the majority of the clientele is actually adults. It’s a social and trendy thing to do for teens and young adults. “Our Unionville location is almost all adult painters. Parents love to paint too sometimes taking over their child’s project unintentionally, they often say “I want to come back without the kids” – that’s how Ladies Night/Date Night came to be,” she adds. Although adults are welcome to paint anytime, every other month or so Sabrina will close the Stouffville studio to the little ones for a Ladies Night. Some are in the studio, but if drinks are needed, she will collaborate with a local restaurant. Usually 30-60 women attend. “Our Ladies Nights are so fun,” says Sabrina with a big smile, “Everyone leaves in good spirits. It’s art therapy.”

The studios are also gaining popularity with corporate groups. The studio has hosted teams from Winners, Shoppers Drug Mart, The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, Markham Stouffville Hospital and Tangerine recently. We’ve also been invited to hold a workshop at a conference to add a little fun to the day.

The Stouffville studio is busy with classroom workshops. We’ve been invited to paint with students in almost all our town’s schools and daycares from preschool to high school. Their workshops can be curriculum based, to make holiday gifts or just for fun. Busing is expensive for school trips so having an in-house field trip is a very wise choice for teachers. Sabrina loves to see her little customers in their classrooms, “They are so excited to have me there and show me around!”

Birthday parties are definitely the bread and butter of the business with up to 8 every weekend per studio reported Sabrina – “And that’s for all ages, we’ve celebrated from 1 to 70 years old.” Our parties are a hit every time for girls and boys of all ages. Crock A Doodle also offers a Birthday Club with over 5000 members in her locations. In the month of their birthday registered children under 12 years receive a voucher to paint a free Art Tile.

There’s something new to discover at Crock A Doodle every season; although spring and summer are fun, Sabrina’s favourite is the fall; pumpkins and fun Halloween figurines that lead right into the holidays where the studio transforms into a winter wonderland including those traditional light-up ceramic Christmas trees we all remember. This fall she’ll be launching a new Trivia Night series of events.

Visiting Sabrina was educational and stimulating, and besides that, I can say I met the “crock-a-doodle-lady.” [1]

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Jamie Hakonson

BEYOND FAST AND FURIOUS

We met up with Jamie at the headquarters of Fast Eddie Racewear and Choko Authentics. She is the VP Operations, Sales & Marketing for both Fast Eddie and Choko. She is also Co-Owner and Founder of Fast Eddie, along with Tony Paton. Jamie Hakonson is a woman of many talents and responsibilities. She comes by it honestly, being born and raised in a unique family of entrepreneurs that has tentacles into all sorts of related industries.

On the side, Jamie is the Team Manager for EHR's (Ed Hakonson Racing) Team 3 Orange, that competes in the NASCAR Pinty's Series. Her husband, Jay Hathaway, is the driver. He and his crew were preparing to leave that day for a race in Trois Rivières, QC. She asked if we wanted to see the car before it got loaded. We did. A short drive to the family homestead on Aurora Rd. brought us to EHR's headquarters. Jay and the team were busily preparing for the race.

We had Jamie pose for a photo in front of the car. Jamie was due to have a baby two days after press time of September's OTR; she has never looked so good or happy. Jay came in 6th place in that race, but later made an incredible come from behind win in Nova Scotia and celebrated his 10th career win in the series.

Jamie has been around racetracks since she was two years old, as her father, Ed Hakonson, loves motorsports. The original family home and business headquarters for Choko Authentics was at Kennedy and Stouffville Roads, roughly where the Springvale Church's parking lot exists today. Choko began with making and distributing low pressure tire gauges, and later introduced custom snowmobile suits. Jamie started helping the company at the age of five, filing paperwork and answering the phone. She was the eldest of four kids and had a lot of responsibilities.

She attended Stouffville High and worked

summers for the family company – folding shirts, prepping for trade shows and filing. Weekends were devoted to racing where she organized the day and the guys, and recorded stats and times. She met Jay Hathaway at the track when she was 16. Jay is from Southwest Ontario and she admired his skill. She later suggested that Ed recruit him as a driver. Ed did, and Jay has been with him since 2006.

Choko continued to evolve as a company. The offices moved out of the home and into 82 Sandiford, behind where McDonalds is located. Her mother started a side company there named Stitchco that specialized in embroidery. As a sideline, the family opened a motorsports themed restaurant that her Aunt Debby ran where the Wishing Well Health Centre is currently located. Choko began providing apparel for the automotive racing scene, and the 'Big 3' auto makers of GM, Chrysler and Ford. Choko also creates, designs and distributes apparel for Snap-On, Kubota, and Case IH, and own their own brands, including Tool Crazy and Farmers Feed Families.

By the end of high school Jamie felt she had

enough practical knowledge, so she went off to university to “get the theory”. She came back from Brock University with a Bachelor's in Business with Honours in Marketing and a second degree in Sports and Exercise Management.

Upon returning, Jamie partnered with Tony Paton and her sister, Jessica, to create Fast Eddie Racewear. Fast Eddie initially focused on crew uniforms, fire suits, gloves and boots. They were designing apparel with pencils and crayons, and faxing designs to be manufactured in Toronto. “We had tiny offices and were selling to our friends,” said Jamie. “But we couldn't rely on friends alone, so we started licensing brands like Choko to grow the business.” OK Tire has been with Fast Eddie for 14 years. Fast Eddie later picked up Mitsubishi and Mazda. They also work with teams, businesses, charities, and special events producing custom apparel.

Three years ago, Jamie married Jay Hathaway. They built a house next to Ed's on Aurora Rd., as did her sister. Jamie's brother Brad is a builder - he built both houses and the Choko headquarters. Jamie has her hands in a lot of things and excels at all of them. She has had the right mix of being raised by an entrepreneurial family and having practical work experience from the ground up, backed by theoretical knowledge gained in education. She's beyond fast and furious. (I)

Fast Eddie Racewear
1-800-383-4940
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Newsflash:



Fast Eddie Motorfest

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 7AM-4PM

TEVA GROUNDS, LOCATED AT 5691 MAIN STREET, STOUFFVILLE
Rain Date: September 14 Info: www.motorfest.ca

FAST EDDIE MOTORFEST

The 21st annual Fast Eddie Motorfest rolls back into Stouffville on Saturday, September 7th at the TEVA Grounds in Stouffville. The event features a spectacular display of Classics, Muscle Cars, Street Rods, Tuners & Agriculture Vehicles.

Stouffville Motorfest was started by Eastridge Church in 1998. It was created to provide a quality classic and special interest vehicle experience and to raise money for charity. The first show began with 45 vehicles and grew to over 1,200 vehicles.

A few years ago, Eastridge Church announced that the leadership and direction of Stouffville Motorfest is moving to Fast Eddie Racewear to take the show to the next level.

Every year, thousands of dollars of proceeds from the event are donated to the Stouffville Food Bank, Stopgap Foundation and Stouffville Legion.

A special Fast Eddie retail booth will be set up at Motorfest. This is a family friendly event, so bring the kids & spend the day enjoying many great activities including, a fantastic line up of live entertainment, food truck vendors, kid zones and more.

NEW THIS YEAR

- Kubota On Tour: a 53' rolling Kubota display.
- The Grey Cup: handle it and take your photo with it.
- Vintage Motorcycles
- The Monster Truck
- Automotive Parts Swap Meet
- Expanded Kidzone

Bring a non-perishable food item with you. They will be collecting food at the gate for the Stouffville Food Bank.





In late July, Mayor Lovatt officially announced the 1st Annual Mayor's Gala #ForStouffville in support of the newly created Whitchurch-Stouffville Legacy Fund (WSLF) – a fund created to help support the financial needs and efforts of local service groups and charities.

This inaugural Gala #ForStouffville, is happening Friday, September 20, and will be hosted on the grounds of the stunning Willow Springs Winery. The evening will include cocktails, dinner, silent auction, entertainment and the presentation of Community Impact Awards. "This event will join corporations, local businesses and residents for a spectacular evening in hope to raise an estimated \$100,000 in support of the WSLF," said Mayor Lovatt. The first intake deadline for grant/donation requests is October 31, 2019.

The event has already sold out: 350 tickets

The evening will culminate with a special ceremony recognizing the first ever Community Impact Awards. These awards, created to celebrate the outstanding contributions of local residents, will recognize remarkable individuals in specific areas. Submissions for nominations were accepted until July 31.

"We are so pleased with the creation of our WS Legacy Fund, The Community Impact Awards, and The Mayor's Gala #ForStouffville," said Mayor Iain Lovatt. "These vehicles were constructed with the specific goal to assist, protect, develop and celebrate the residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville."

Usually the winners of award ceremonies are kept secret until the event, but not in this case. Those nominated with majority by the public have been announced prior to the event.

For more information about the Whitchurch-Stouffville Legacy Fund, see www.wslegacyfund.com.



COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD CATEGORIES

HEALTHY WS

Promoting healthy active living in Whitchurch-Stouffville

CONNECTED WS

Creating a more inclusive Whitchurch-Stouffville

SUSTAINABLE WS

Encouraging a healthy and sustainable environment in Whitchurch-Stouffville

CREATIVE WS

Enriching the Whitchurch-Stouffville community through arts, culture or heritage

GENERATIONAL WS

Supporting the well-being of Whitchurch-Stouffville children, Youth & Seniors

PROSPEROUS WS

Demonstrates economic or other benefit to the Whitchurch-Stouffville community

WINNERS

HEALTHY WS • Antonietta Botticelli

SUSTAINABLE WS • Roger Davidson

CREATIVE WS • Colin Whitebread

GENERATIONAL WS • Rochelle D'Souza

PROSPEROUS WS • Shaen Armstrong

CONNECTED WS • Lisa Ronco

CONNECTED WS • Anna Trokova Dimovski (posthumously)

19 ON THE PARK Presents Berenstain Bears On Stage SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 11AM & 2PM

19 on the Park & To Be Determined Theatre Co. present Berenstain Bears On Stage with live music, dance and endless fun this musical combines five of The Berenstain Bears stories. Narrated by the world's foremost expert on the Berenstain Bears, guitar-strumming Cowboy Joe, is the show's stage director—introducing and commenting on the play's five episodes. Based on five classic Berenstain Bears books; The Berenstain Bears' New Baby, The Berenstain Bears and the Messy Room, The Berenstain Bears and the Double Dare, The Berenstain Bears Tell the Truth & The Berenstain Bears Get Stage Fright.

We follow the bears and as well as some other familiar faces from the series as they get into sticky spots, make interesting decisions,

and find high jinks around every corner! We watch as the bears weave from one adventure to next, and just like in the stories, the musical teaches us lessons along the way. With the same charm and nostalgia as the books we have read for generations this action packed production brings these stories to life with live music, singing, dance, and fun around every corner. This adaptation is a perfect fit for grades K – 3 or for the whole family!

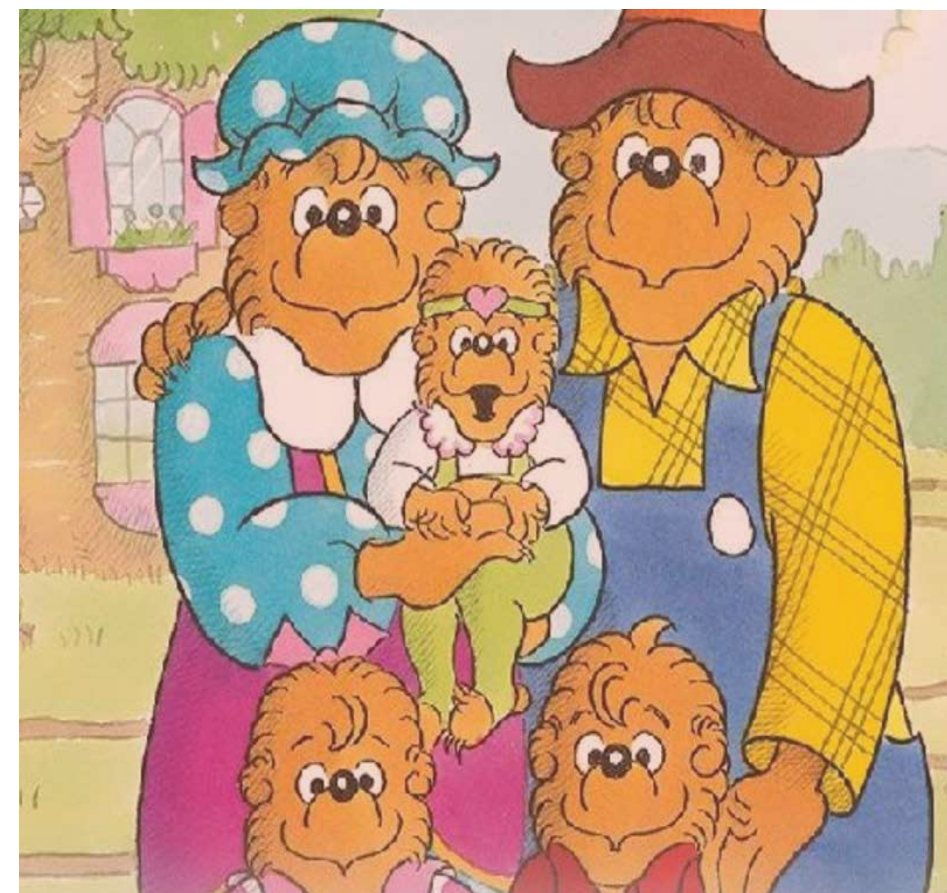
Tickets are in the range of \$18-23.

19 on the Park

19 Civic Avenue

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www.19onthePark.ca



WS MUSEUM Presents Get Cooking!

PA DAY WORKSHOPS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 9AM-4PM

Your 5-12 year old will learn to cook a variety of seasonal recipes while working in historic and modern kitchens. Crafts, games and a tour of the Museum included. Before and After Care available. \$40 for Members, \$50 for Non-Members. Get Cooking! is available for the October 21 PA Day as well.

The special exhibit *Archaeology Alive! The Jean-Baptiste Lainé Site in Whitchurch-Stouffville* is still on at the Museum. Be sure not to miss it!

W-S Museum

14732 Woodbine Ave.

905-727-8954

www.wsmuseum.ca

WHO WILL BE OUR NEXT FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE

A Federal Candidates Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 1**, Stouffville District Secondary School, 801 Hoover Park Drive, Stouffville. Meet the Candidates: 6-7pm., and the Candidates Meeting: 7-9 pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Admission is FREE. The event is being hosted by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library and the Stouffville Chamber of Commerce.





A LOCAL FAMILY BUSINESS, WITH A PROVINCIAL REACH

Borlak Law Office is a unique entity in Stouffville, not only for their beautiful heritage office building at the corner of Main & Park, or for the indigenous art collection in the boardroom, or for it being a family business that works in harmony. Borlak is unique because they specialize in the Property and Casualty Insurance Industry (P&C) in Canada, which reaches far beyond Stouffville.

P&C is Borlak's happy place. They specialize in this industry by doing a myriad of legal work, such as helping brokerages to buy, sell or merge, facilitating corporate reorganization, financing, reviewing and drafting producer and employment agreements and assisting with succession planning. "When I was introduced to this industry in 1985 it was a wasteland [for legal help]; no one was specializing in it," said Steve Borlak. They are a small town firm performing legal work usually reserved for downtown firms. Their work

and knowledge in the P&C industry translates well to other businesses as well, and they are happy to work with private businesses in other industries (e.g. service, real estate, manufacturing), however small or large.

I met Steve Borlak and his son Jesse in their boardroom. They immediately confessed that Steve's wife Marie made them dress up for the interview. Steve joked that he forgot to pack socks for the costume change (as seen in the photograph). "This is not my normal presentation – we are very casual," said Steve. Steve provided background context for being business oriented. His mother (Marilyn Borlak) and father (Harvey Borlak) purchased a hardware store in 1948. They worked arm-in-arm until around 1983. His family's life revolved around the family business. "We got to see what running a business was all about and we saw how they interacted with the community as respected businesspeople," he said. They

were known, above all, for their honesty.

Steve graduated university with a degree in Chemistry in 1976, in Law in 1979, and was called to the Bar in 1981. He started articling and practicing law at Borden and Elliot (now known as BLG), where his future wife Marie also worked as a law clerk. He met Marie while coaching their firm girls' softball team. "Marie played on 2nd base, but she wasn't very good, so I moved her to right field, and then she quit," Steve recalled. Thankfully, despite this incident, they later married and have two sons and a daughter. Marie continued to work for Borden and Elliot while Steve struck out on his own, including his own practice in Woodbridge. One day Steve needed help. Marie came to the rescue. He asked her to stay. She did, and they have worked together in harmony since 1988.

In 2011, the family moved to Vivian Rd., east of Highway 48. Their office at the time was in

Markham beside the Buttonville airport. "I got lazy," said Steve, and started looking in 2015 for an office closer to home. The beautiful heritage home turned-office at the corner of Main and Park wasn't for sale, but – "My wife is very persistent," he said. It is a handsome building, full of character and history. It is amazingly quiet considering they are twenty feet off Main Street. The boardroom is adorned with Norval Morrisseau originals. Morrisseau was an Anishinaabe Aboriginal Canadian artist.

"Why Morrisseau?" I asked. Steve tells a story – he tells a lot of stories and tells them well: he was looking to buy a piece of art for Marie's birthday. He met an art collector friend, shared some scotch and "ended up being an art collector by the end of the evening." He bought an original Morrisseau, which today still hangs in Marie's office. "I don't know much about art, but I find the

colours calming." There are several other Morrisseau paintings displayed in the boardroom.

Their son, Jesse, has recently joined the firm. He was formerly an insurance broker, working in Richmond Hill and Concord, but later went to Law School at Sussex University in the UK. Jesse was called to the Bar this past June. "Now we have a succession plan," said Steve, "and we are living it."

"Our focus may be very niche," says Jesse, "but our [market] penetration is deep. We are uniquely placed to talk the same language as the P&C industry, but we do everyday stuff too, such as wills and real estate." Jesse enjoys his short commute from Newmarket through the countryside and mentions the daily sighting on Vivian Road of a pony that has befriended a goat, and the "Canadian roadblock" geese along Musselman's Lake.

Steve emphasized how important it is for them to be a part of the community – a trait he learned from his parents. Even if the work of Borlak Law is spread across Ontario, they have become members of the Stouffville Chamber and initiated a local lawyer's group that has collaborative meetings. Steve was very involved with Big Brothers as a big brother and on the York Region, Ontario, and National boards, and continues to support the charity. "We want to play our part and immerse ourselves into the community," concluded Steve.

After my departure, I'm sure they happily changed back into their casual clothes and resumed the family business. [1]

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NATURE'S GIFTS AND ORGANIC SPA

Nature's Gift and Organic Spa opened in Downtown Stouffville last April. I met with and pre-interviewed Janice Patera, spa owner and Ballantrae resident, when she opened, but really wanted to give her a chance to settle in before featuring the establishment in OTR. The space has matured nicely over the summer. The front of house entry room, reception and spa retail space is naturally bright with a good view of Main Street. On one side is a well-crafted reception desk made from different wood materials with a wooden back-drop on the wall. Katherine is sitting at the desk. She's warm, friendly and young, and as it turns out, a member of our Whitchurch horse-culture.

A doorway leads into the spa area. The door is shut and has a sign stating, 'spa is in use'. I saw a gentleman go in there shortly after I arrived, presumably for a lunch-time spa treatment or rejuvenation break.

Nature's Gift and Organic Spa, as a business, has five-elements: Spa, Medi-Spa, Wellness, The Salt Cave, and the Spa Retail Area. The Spa includes organic facials, body wraps, and microdermabrasion. The Medi-Spa is all about improving skin and removing wrinkles and hair through various techniques. The Wellness area includes osteopathy,

counselling, acupuncture, meditation and RMT massage therapy.

The Salt Cave is all about Salt Therapy, also known as halotherapy. With the help of a salt generator and over 11 tons of Himalayan salt they have endeavored to recreate the healing microclimate of the ancient underground salt caves. Himalayan Salt is rich in negative ions and minerals. During a salt room session, negative ions are absorbed into the body by breathing the saturated air into the lungs. The salt is anti-bacterial, anti-inflammatory, anti-viral, and anti-fungal. During your 45-minute session, you will relax in comfortable chairs, listen to soothing music, and breath air that is saturated with 84 minerals and trace elements.

Currently, the RMTs and the aesthetician are the leading draw at Nature's Gift and Organic Spa, followed by the Salt Cave, but it's early on – a four-month measuring stick is short. The fifth element, the Spa Retail Area, is organized and full of earth friendly organic products. Almost all products originate in Ontario, with exception to products such as Himalayan Bath Sea Salts – a half bag in your bath is supposed to be the equivalent to a 3-day detox.

In the retail area there are all-natural products for face and body, including all-natural

peels, essential oils, natural suntan lotions and mosquito repellents. There's Krystal jewelry made in Uxbridge, Karamella Designs jewelry from Brooklin, Purple Lotus hand-crafted necklaces from Markham, and glass friendship balls and birdfeeders made in Fergus. There are smudging materials from various Reserves, spirit animals for meditation, incense from the Danforth, natural soaps made in Penetanguishene, and a variety of candles and bees wax products from Oshawa and Collingwood. Finally, there are Juice Plus+ products and a unique Tower Garden product that grows vegetables and herbs vertically, inside or out.

The coolest part of this visit was having Janice and Katherine tour me around explain what everything is and what it is used for. The side conversation was educational. I highly recommend taking that tour. We will revisit Nature's Gift and Organic Spa for Christmas shopping to see how everyone can Gear Up. [1]

Nature's Gift and Organic Spa

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Finding Jorge, continued from Page 5

donor or from one of the intended parents (in the case of a man). There are a few agencies that will facilitate the egg donation, as well as match and connect the intended parent(s) with a gestational carrier. The fertility clinics are involved in the medically assisted reproduction parts of the process, anywhere from the egg extraction and sperm collection from the egg and sperm donors or intended parents, to the screening of the gestational carrier. They also take care of the fertilization of the eggs, the implantation of the embryo into the uterus of the gestational carrier and the confirmation of pregnancy and medical follow up all the way to month three of the pregnancy. After that time, the care of the pregnancy goes to either an obstetrician or to a midwife in the community where the gestational carrier lives.



Canada is one of the most advanced places in the world regarding surrogacy and it is one of the only places where assisted reproduction is legal and completely altruistic as required by law. The costs involved in surrogacy are related to the medical and legal aspects of the process, agency fees, as well as the reimbursement of out of pocket expenses that the gestational carrier will incur prior, during and after the pregnancy as part of her recovery.

After having more clarity about the process, Jorge decided to start his journey. He interviewed a few agencies and decided to go with one that offered support on both, the egg donation and the surrogacy processes. The journey was a very lengthy one taking about three and a half years and a lot of learning throughout the process. He described that the most challenging part of it all was knowing that despite the medical advancement in the area, nature still plays a major role, as there are no guarantees that a pregnancy will start. Out of the 20 eggs harvested from the

egg donor, only 14 were successfully fertilized and only three of them survived to live up to day five after fertilization. Thankfully, the one embryo implanted in the gestational carrier, turned into a successful and healthy pregnancy and a precious baby girl!

As wonderful and complex as all of this sounds, Jorge highlights that none of this would be possible unless "Angels", such as the egg donor and the surrogate, put their hearts and souls forward and bear the challenges that their bodies would go through to help others start their own family. Jorge will be eternally grateful for having had the support from these two amazing souls and the group of professionals that orchestrated the intricate conception and implantation processes.

"It has certainly been a very emotional and challenging journey for me as a single intended parent. Thankfully, I have had great support from my family and close friends to overcome the obstacles and challenges during the journey. Everything faded away once I saw Sarah Elisa's face for the first time! I am a very fortunate man and will always be thankful for the indescribable gift that the egg donor and gestational carrier gave to enable me to become a Dad!" (1)



A photography exhibit by Julie Williams

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COMMUNITY NEWS

 THE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

Notice of Council Meetings

Agendas for Council and Public meetings will be available for review at the Municipal Offices, Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library and on our website at 12 p.m. (noon) the Thursday prior to the meeting.

Upcoming Council Meetings:

- Tues., September 10, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., September 24, 2019 - 4:00 p.m.
- Tues., October 8, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., October 22, 2019 - 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming Public Meetings (if required):

- Tues., Sept. 24, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

Council Meetings take place in the Council Chambers, 111 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville, unless otherwise noted.

To listen to the Council meetings live, visit townofws.ca/cmlivestream. Also follow our Twitter account @ws_townhall for live updates during council meetings.

Join our Council E-Newsletter at: eepurl.com/cKPNg9 and receive meeting agendas and summary reports straight in your inbox.

What's going on in Whitchurch-Stouffville?



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New episode every Monday on:
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Affordable Housing Meeting

Your Story Starts at Home: Future Rental Apartments in Whitchurch-Stouffville

The Regional Municipality of York is proposing to construct an apartment building with approximately 100 residential units and ground floor commercial space at 5676 Main Street in the Community of Stouffville. The building will contain a mix of one, two and three-bedroom apartments for seniors, families and individuals and will be owned and operated by York Region's housing corporation, Housing York Inc. (HYI).

Public Information Centre

Please join us to meet the project team and discuss how affordable housing is important to you.

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.,

Location: Ringwood Room, Town Offices, 111 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville.

This information centre is the first in a series of three to be hosted by the Region and is a drop-in event with no formal presentation.

Additional Information

For more information about HYI and new housing developments, visit york.ca/housing. To speak with the project team, please contact Janet Porter at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 72042, or janet.porter@york.ca

Le Petit Cafe 55+

Fun opportunity to meet new friends and soak up the ambiance of a little café in Paris. Join us at the 55+ Club on Thursday September 12, 2019 at the 10:30 a.m. or the noon seating. \$10.00 sign up at the 55+ Club. Limited space available!

For more information call 905-640-9992 or email: jen.meachen@townofws.ca

Fall Registration Now Open

Recreation registration is now open and ongoing for all registered programs including swimming, children's programs, preschool, adults. Lessons begin the week of September 23.

Museum News



Exhibit: Archaeology Alive! The Jean-Baptiste Lainé Site in Whitchurch-Stouffville. Now through June, 2020

Explore and learn about this amazing archaeological site, uncovered in southeast Whitchurch-Stouffville between 2003 and 2005. Engage with artifacts on loan from the Canadian Museum of History and the Huron-Wendat Museum, a 3-D gaming experience, and oral histories from Huron-Wendat Nation members.

This exhibit is included with general admission. Additional donations are gratefully accepted.

P.A. Day Workshop: Get Cooking! Monday, September 23, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Learn to prepare a variety of seasonal recipes. Work in a historic kitchen & a modern one! Crafts, games and a tour of the Museum included. Participants must bring their own nut-free lunch and snacks. Recommended ages: 5-12. Pre-registration is required. Barcode: 8595

Senior Safety Talk Tuesday, October 1, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Come to the Museum for a presentation by the York Regional Police discussing areas of concern for seniors. Learn to protect yourself from common scams, fraud, and other potential threats. Contact the Museum to register for this FREE talk.

Call 905-727-8954 for more information. Register with WS Play...Online or in person at the Leisure Centre or Museum.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

 THE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

Water Meter Replacement Notice

In the next few months, many of the approximately 12,500 existing water meters in the Communities of Stouffville and Ballantrae-Musselman's Lake will be replaced at no charge to the homeowner. Information was recently distributed with your tax bill that residents received in the mail.

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville would like to remind you that appointments for water meter replacement can only be booked once you have received a reference number in the mail from Neptune Technologies. Please be on the lookout for this brochure in your mail very soon.

All residents in Ballantrae and Musselman's Lake have now received this brochure and their reference number. Please call and book your appointment as soon as possible.

For more information, please visit townofws.ca/watermeter

#H2O2GO

When visiting our leisure facilities throughout town, don't forget to fill up your water bottle at our hydration stations! Stations are located at the Stouffville Arena, Clippers Sports Complex, 6240 Main St. 55+ Club, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Leisure Centre and Soccer City.

Please expect traffic disruptions and/or construction projects, in the following areas in September:

- Baker Hill Blvd. between West Lawn Cres. and Brownsburger Road;
- Ninth Line between Bethesda Road and Baker Hill Blvd.;
- Tenth Line between Mantle Ave. and the Markham border (completely closed September 16 - November 18);
- Closure of Burkholder Street in Memorial Park on weekends and during Food Truck Frenzy Sept. 13.

Library News



Check wsplibrary.ca for films and descriptions. Free, drop-in program

Drumming Workshop (ages 3-adult)
Tuesday, September 24

7:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Join Lynda Sarrasin from Rhythmic by Nature for an evening of expressive arts. Come catch the beat! \$5 per person, register at wsplibrary.ca.

Stouffville Reads

Thursday, September 26

6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Five Book Champions from the Whitchurch-Stouffville community will extol the merits of five different books to event guests over cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. After these presentations, event attendees will vote, the results will be tallied, and the 2019 Stouffville Reads book will be announced. Tickets \$30 at stouffreads.eventbrite.com

Parent Training: Behaviour Management (by Autism in Mind Children's Charity)

Saturdays, September 28 and October 5
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This training is open to parents who have children ages 2 to 10. This program is designed to teach parents to understand, recognize, and maintain functional behavior patterns in their children.

Free, register at wsplibrary.ca

Paint Night (ages 13-adult)

Thursday, September 12

6:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Channel your inner artist and join us as we follow a YouTube tutorial to create a masterpiece. Supplies provided. \$10 per person, register at wsplibrary.ca

Downton Abbey Tea

Saturday, September 14

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Celebrate the release of the Downton Abbey film with tea in the library. Participants are encouraged to dress in their finest as we celebrate the Crawley family with refreshments, socializing and Downton Abbey trivia. \$5 per person, register at wsplibrary.ca

NFB Film Club

Fridays, September 20 and 27

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon watching and discussing an NFB film with host Kinjal Dagli-Singh, local writer and journalist.

September Traffic Disruptions

Asphalt paving and resurfacing will begin in September on the following roads:

- Bethesda Road between Kennedy Road and McCowan Road;
- Vandorf Sideroad between Woodbine Ave. and Kennedy Road;
- St. John's Sideroad between Warden Ave. and Kennedy Road;
- Raeview Drive between Hilltop Trail and west limit;
- Service Road between Palmwood Gate and east limit;
- Aintree Drive between 10th Line and

Cam Fella Blvd.;

- Cam Fella Blvd. between Aintree Drive and the north cul-du-sac limit;
- Blair Road between Stouffer Street and Dorman Drive; and
- Thicketwood between Lori Ave. and Booth Drive.

A complete list of all construction projects, traffic disruptions and road closures can be found on the Town's website at townofws.ca/roads. Click on the latest **Traffic Management & Disruption Fact Sheet**.



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