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Leisure envisions big changes by 2032

New recreation complex, soccer fields, ball diamonds recommended in Master Plan

Glenn Jackson, Contributor

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Leisure Master Plan. Over the past 10 months, Stouffville's Leisure and Community Services Department had been undertaking the creation of a new Master Plan. The Plan outlines current and future leisure needs and prioritizes facility and program investment over the next ten-year period, up to and including 2032.

The Plan was approved by Council at the September 21 meeting.

The Master Plan is intended to provide a strategy for ensuring equitable access to programs, events and facilities that enhance and promote healthy and active living. It assists in guiding the location and creation of new facilities; outlines strategies for the optimal use of existing facilities and parks; provide recommendations for increased participation in a variety of programs and, where possible, the enhancement and effective delivery of services.

The Plan made a total of 144 recommendations, each targeted to a specific area for action.

Research revealed that many recreational activities continue to experience growth and will require additional or expanded facilities to accommodate anticipated future requirements. Based on public input and consultation, the greatest needs appear to be related to additional indoor aquatic facilities, an indoor walking track, more heritage facilities and cultural celebrations, the improvement of parks, inclusive and safe playgrounds, improved trail signage and expansion of event offerings.

Stouffville is projected to reach a population of over 72,000 by 2032 according to the Plan. This, if the current ratio of parkland to residents of 1.84 ha / 1,000 people is maintained, means the

ABOVE: Accounting for an anticipated population of over 72,000 people in 2032, the Town's new Leisure Master Plan, recently approved by Council, made over 144 recommendations regarding the growth of the town's indoor and outdoor sport facilities, events, heritage offerings, recreation programs and parks & open space.

Town will need 57 ha of additional parks by then.

As a result, 22 recommendations within the Plan focused on parkland, open spaces and land acquisition policies, many concentrating on development proposals and their effect on the Town's Official Plan. An additional 9 recommendations focused on park design and development, including trees and inclusive design

In addition to adding parkland assets, the Plan also suggested numerous additions to the Town's indoor sports facilities. These included an "indoor aquatic centre as part of a new multi-use community recreation complex. The choice of location and site, including design configuration, should anticipate the need to potentially expand the facility to meet growth-related demand to 2051."

As part of this new "multi-use community recreation centre," the Plan recommends "commission(ing) two new indoor ice surfaces" by 2030.

The Plan suggests, in the meantime, that the Town "ensure that operational practices and resources are sufficient to meet the growing demand for use of these existing (ice and aquatic) facilities."

Seven recommendations focused on heritage, events and the Museum, while 11 more concentrated on the 'Nineteen on the

Park' theatre, and other community halls and facilities.

The Plan also contained 21 recommendations focusing on outdoor sports fields and facilities. Included are recommendations regarding baseball and softball diamonds to "increase the net supply...by as many as six (6) fields. This can be achieved in large part through the development of a tournament capacity four (4) senior diamonds complex to be located in or near Stouffville."

For soccer, the Plan suggests the town "...seek to develop as many as ten (10) additional soccer/multi-use fields..." and "...invest in artificial turf at the main field at the Stouffville Arena Park." In total, 15 recommendations focused on soccer.

Playgrounds, trails, tennis, pickleball, skate parks and outdoor rinks constituted the majority of the remaining recommendations.

For the complete Plan approved by Council, including all 144 recommendations, visit bit.ly/3DeATSW

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Council meetings are either 3 p.m. or 7 p.m. every other Wednesday at Town Hall in Stouffville. Agendas at calendar.townofws.ca/council. Listen live: townofws.ca/cm/ivestream. Live tweets: [@ws_townhall](https://twitter.com/ws_townhall)



IR team members Michael Wilson and Dr. Ramez Hanna in the hospital's new IR suite.

Lights, Camera, Action

How a new state-of-the-art interventional radiology suite is giving doctors at Markham Stouffville Hospital clearer images and getting patients home faster. **BY GLYNIS RATCLIFFE**

On January 4, 83-year-old William Baker, feeling enormous pressure in his abdomen, ran to the bathroom, where a startling amount of blood poured out of his body. His wife drove him directly to the emergency department at Oak Valley Health's Markham Stouffville Hospital (MSH).

Baker underwent numerous tests until a colonoscopy showed the bleeding had stopped. Seemingly stable, he was discharged home, but a few hours later, it started again, forcing Baker to return to the hospital. Moments after being brought into the acute care zone of MSH's emergency department, he bled out and lost consciousness.

It turned out to be colonic diverticular bleeding, a type of hemorrhage where the artery that supplies blood to the ascending colon ruptures. While the bleeding often stops on its own, if the vessel does not clot by itself, it becomes an emergency requiring immedi-

ate medical attention, often handled by interventional radiologists.

PRECISION IMAGING

Interventional radiology (IR) uses real-time imaging like ultrasound, CT, MRI or X-ray fluorography to help guide small instruments, such as wires and catheters, through the body to diagnose and treat medical issues. "We need to send a tiny camera in to look for the source of the leak, and then we can go back in and patch it up," Dr. Ramez Hanna, one of the interventional radiologists at MSH.

IR is far less invasive than regular surgery, employing mild sedation and local anaesthetic, rather than general anaesthetic. The IR team creates a small incision, which is less traumatic for the patient and results in shorter hospital stays and faster recovery times.

With Baker, the interventional radiologist performed an embolization,

which involved putting a tiny wire coil into the ruptured blood vessel to stop the bleed. Michael Wilson, a medical radiation technologist and interventional radiology technical specialist at the hospital, and his team used ultrasound as a visual guide to insert a catheter into the femoral artery, located near the hip.

From there, they used fluoroscopy – a kind of live X-ray – and contrast injections to locate the ruptured vessel. It was an intricate process that required directing progressively smaller wires into the nearby vessels to find the damaged one, which took more than two hours but was ultimately successful.

REDESIGNING IR

While Baker's treatment utilized many innovative IR-related technologies, if his issues had arisen just three months later he would have been sent to the hospital's new 2,465-square-foot IR suite, which opened in April 2022. The suite boasts the new GE Allia IGS 7, a hulking but surprisingly nimble imaging system mounted on a laser-guided robotic arm.

The C-shaped piece of equipment is not tethered to the floor or ceiling; instead, its long arm reaches across the room and can be adjusted to any position around the surgical table, enhancing imaging precision by extending the angles at which images can be taken. "The difference between now and then is the image quality," notes Wilson.

Although the government funds many aspects of the healthcare experience, equipment replacements, technology advancements and other upgrades are largely thanks to community donations. The construction of the new IR suite, for instance, was made possible by the generosity of MSH's donors, especially Betty Miller and Family, and the important work of the MSH Foundation.

The number of patients treated in the IR has jumped to 2,000 yearly, from around 1,200. "This room has given us tremendous capabilities and it's getting used a lot," says Dr. Hanna. ■

SPECIAL COVERAGE



FIFA WORLD CUP
Qatar 2022



FORMER NATIONAL TEAM SNIPER PROUD OF CANADA'S WORLD CUP ENTRY

Knee injuries stifled Tommy Kouzmanis' career but not his love for the game **by Jim Mason**

Tommy Kouzmanis sips his tea on the patio at the Main Street Bakehouse and ponders his picks before the start of this month's FIFA World Cup in Qatar.

This is no ordinary Stouffville prognosticator ahead of one of the biggest sporting events on the planet.

Kouzmanis, a Canada scarf under his coat, played soccer for his country on multiple occasions, including five outstanding games with the senior national team.

All while battling injuries to both knees that derailed a super-promising career.

He didn't just compete. At the age of 22, Kouzmanis became the first Canadian national team member to score two goals in their debut. He added two more goals in games with the senior team.

Kouzmanis grew up in a soccer family in Scarborough, starring on youth teams and playing for his country.

If this was hockey, he would have been a household name ahead of the NHL draft. As it was, he would be courted by big-name teams.

He represented Canada in international soccer at every level of play (senior men's, U23, U20, U17) and played professionally with the Montreal Impact, Toronto Lynx, and Wichita Wings.

He had stints overseas playing/training with European clubs Glasgow Rangers, Aston Villa, AEK Athens, OFI Crete and PAE Kalamata.

"But when it was time to really make a big splash and really make the big money..." Kouzmanis said of the knee issues. "We just couldn't get over it."

His four ACL reconstructions, include three on his right knee.

If this was hockey, he was Bobby Orr. "You hear of one, two and maybe three," he said. "But four?"

Now 49, he's a trainer and quality control manager with Canada Protection Plan. Tommy and wife Marina moved to Stouffville in 2007. They have two soccer-playing kids, Ava, 10, and Christian, 8.

Kouzmanis has coached in Markham and taught at an academy but he's happy to simply watch his own children play these days.

He was invited with other alumni to attend those games Canada won on home soil to qualify for the 2022 World Cup.

"It was so great to see," he said. "Because you knew you were a part of that over the years, whether it was at the youth levels or on the men's team. You felt it. You knew what it was like. You were there."

"To see these boys doing what they're doing is great. We hope it will continue and I think it will because this team is good. But looking down the road ... the chances of Canada making future world cups looks very positive."

Kouzmanis says he's hopeful but being realistic in predicting the Canadian will not advance beyond the first round in Qatar.

"I get it, this Canadian team is young and they're fast; they've found something special," he said. "They're playing a world soccer power in Belgium ... Next, Croatia is an older team and their style of play (won't allow) Canada to do that well. Their best chance of getting a result will be against Morocco."

"This team just getting to the World Cup is our accomplishment. It's been awhile."

And the success of the Canadian women's and men's teams is having an effect on the grassroots.

"It's been happening for a number of years," he said. "The participation numbers have always been there. This is just the catalyst to it."



Tommy Kouzmanis, Former Canadian National Team Sniper

PREDICTIONS

Thirty-two teams will compete at the World Cup in Qatar from Nov. 20 to Dec. 18. Who does former Canadian national team player Tommy Kouzmanis of Stouffville like to win it all?

"A toss-up between France and Brazil. Dark horses? Maybe England. I wouldn't even call them a dark horse. I like their team. And I'll be rooting for Argentina with Messi," he said.

CBS Sports: "Final Argentina 2, Germany 1 Messi gets his revenge for 2014 and writes himself into Argentina's history books alongside Diego Maradona."

Crowd Wisdom: "Brazil has the highest 2022 FIFA World Cup Winning odds and France is a close second. Brazil, France, Argentina, England, and Spain are separated by a very thin margin making this one of the most open World cup tournaments in recent times. Given their recent performance, the Netherlands cannot be overlooked."

Liberum Capital Ltd: "After toppling Spain in the semi-finals, Lionel Messi's Argentina will beat old rivals England in the Dec. 18 final in Qatar to lift their first World Cup in 36 years, "

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Sunday, November 6th
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November ROUND UP & NOTICE

Stouvella Virtual Market

Stouvella will once again open its virtual doors on November 1st. This is an online marketplace for local residents to sell their hand-crafted and artisan products to eager buyers looking for the perfect gift for the Christmas season. Once you join the group you will have access to buyers and sellers and can shop to your heart's delight!

All transactions are done directly with each vendor to make it fast and easy for everyone. If you're a vendor, feel free to make and post an album of your goods, buyers will contact you directly. Everyone, please make sure you know where and how to access your Messenger message requests. Happy shopping! www.facebook.com/groups/stouvella

Christmas Shoe Boxes

The Stouffville Memorial Christian Church has begun the annual Christmas Shoe Box drive to fill as many shoe boxes as they can with all manner of items that children can use and have fun with. Each year Samaritan's Purse ships tens of thousands of filled boxes to underprivileged children around the world for Christmas. More information can be found on their website, samaritanspurse.ca.

The church invites all who wish to participate in this worthy project to give them a call at 416 803-6253 or email at stouffvillechristianchurch@gmail.com.

Fill a Purse for a Sister Campaign

Fill a Purse For a Sister Campaign brings comfort, hope, and dignity to women and youth in crisis with the gift of purses filled with personal necessities. Please join 2022 Fill a Purse for a Sister Campaign — September 1 to December 1 with your donation. Angel Freedman is the President & Founder of Fill a Purse For a Sister Campaign. Her mission is to promote awareness, especially around domestic violence and, as she says, "make this a better world, one community at a time". There are at least 16 drop-off locations in Stouffville. To find one, visit fillapurseforasistercampaign.ca.

Lions Tree Sales & Toy Drive

The Stouffville Lions Christmas Tree Sales have always been the largest fundraiser of the year for the club. All profits for this project are used throughout the year to give back to the community of Stouffville. Residents have created a family tradition of coming to the Lions Tree Lot with kids and parents in tow to debate which tree is the best for their home and shared many smiles, stories and laughs along the way. The tree lot should be open the last Saturday, November 26 in Canadian Tire's parking lot.

Annually one of the club's and resident's favourite projects is the Stouffville Lions Toy Drive. During COVID, however, the Lions collected either cash donations or gift cards. Applications for recipients will be open sometime in November. Watch the Stouffville Lions online for more details at www.facebook.com/stouffvilleLions.

Adopt-A-Senior is Back for 3rd Year

This project started during the height of the pandemic when we saw the valued senior members of our community – family, friends, neighbours – locked down in their homes. In buildings that are dedicated senior residences, our elders were restricted to their rooms, unable to see anyone, go to meals, have any visitors, or leave the building. The restrictions placed on all of us were of course required, and were hard on everyone, but especially hard on seniors. The loneliness and sense of abandonment they felt were truly saddening. This event was a way to show them that they were not forgotten, that while we went on with our lives chasing kids and taking care of our families in our own households, we still cared and wanted to help, and to bring smiles to them during the Christmas season.

In December 2020, we created and distributed 150 gift bags to these seniors who have

given us so much. In December 2021, we did 250. The need is there, the support is there, and this town is full of wonderful caring neighbours who have donated and volunteered for the past 2 years, I know this event can continue growing. If you'd like to donate, help, volunteer, or be involved, please contact: whitchurchstouffvilleseniors@gmail.com.

Lifelong Learning Returning Live

Stouffville's LifeLong Learning series has returned to Live presentations this past month. Presentations commenced in mid-September and continued through early November.

Harry Renault, the founder of the Stouffville program is stepping back and Doug McIntyre is taking on his duties as Chair with a group of enthusiastic volunteers.

Geared to adults, speakers will address a broad range of topics from the Battle of the Atlantic to Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency, and Aviation Weather from the perspective of a very experienced commercial pilot.

McIntyre noted, "We are thrilled to confirm live audiences will be welcome at the Stouffville Grace Baptist Church. Attendees are welcome to wear masks and maintain other Covid distancing if they wish. We do hope for a large audience to welcome our speakers but understand if they chose Zoom."

"The sessions will be presented both "Live! and on Zoom for shut-ins or those who wish to stay home. Each session typically runs from 2-4 p.m. on Mondays. Single tickets are \$10 at the door or can be purchased online.

The last session of the Fall Program is November 7: Doug Morris - *Aviation & Weather*. Doug is an Air Canada Captain, writes for Air Canada's inflight magazine, *enRoute*, and is a certified meteorologist.

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With the start of November, the Heritage, Events and Theatre Operations (HETO) team looks to begin the Stouffville Celebrates Holiday Series. This is a series of seasonal events and programs that take us through the end of the year and into 2023. This series of over 10 events attracts more than 30,000 visitors each year. Families can explore the history of the holidays at the Museum, get into the holiday spirit with screenings & live performances at the Theatre, and enjoy holiday programming and activations during the Holiday Market and Santa Claus parade.

1 42ND ANNUAL VICTORIAN TEA

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum & Community Centre starts us off with their 42nd Annual Victorian Tea on Saturday, November 19. There will be two tea sittings: 11:30am and 1:30pm. The event will provide a delicious taste of Christmas past, featuring a traditional catered tea and a festive tour of the Museum's buildings. The Museum is located at 14732 Woodbine Ave. adjacent to the beautiful Vandorf Park. Tickets are required for this event so be sure to give the Museum a call to secure your spot at 905-727-8954 or wsmuseum@townofws.ca to book your ticket(s). Tickets are \$30 each plus HST.

2 STOUFFVILLE HOLIDAY MARKET

At the end of the month, we're kicking off the start of the holiday season in a big way with the Stouffville Holiday Market. The event will take place Friday, November 25 to Sunday, November 27 within the following operating times: Friday 6-10pm, Saturday 2-10pm, and Sunday 12-4pm. The event will feature a tree lighting ceremony at the Clock Tower near

19 on the Park, at 6:30pm on Friday. For all three days of the event, you can visit unique outdoor artisanal vendors, take photos with Santa, enjoy food & beverage, and amazing live performances throughout the weekend in Memorial Park. There will also be up to 30 more vendors located inside 19 on the Park with Latcham Art Centre's, Beyond Craft Show & Sale which is running this year in collaboration with the Holiday Market. Exciting announcements will be made soon about this year's performance schedule so be sure to stay tuned for more details at townofws.ca/holidaymarket.

3 TRIM THE TOWN

Trim the Town will light up Stouffville with an exterior decorating contest. This event is open to all residents and businesses within Whitchurch-Stouffville. If your home or business decorated for the season, you're only one step away! Simply snap some photos of your trimmed home/business (exterior only) and fill out the submission form online. Entries will be accepted online starting Nov. 18-Dec. 16, 2022. Voting will then take place online from Monday, Dec. 19-Jan. 3, 2023. Winners will be announced after voting closes in the new year. This event also features an online interactive map that shows the location of participants. Let the map guide your way and head out around town to enjoy the beautiful lights and amazing displays that our community has to offer. All event details, the interactive map and the submission form can be found at townofws.ca/trimthetown.

4 STOUFFVILLE SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Santa Claus is coming to town on Saturday,

December 3 for the annual Stouffville Santa Claus Parade! This parade of lights and festive cheer will make its way down Main Street starting at 6pm. The parade route begins at Ninth Line and ends at Park Drive. This evening parade will feature amazing community floats, bands, performers and will be capped off with a visit from Santa himself. For more, see townofws.ca/stouffvillesantaclausparade.

5 HOLIDAY MOVIE FESTIVAL

We can always count on 19 on the Park to satisfy our need for classic holiday movies! On Friday and Saturday, December 9-10, you can look forward to a Holiday Movie Festival at our local theatre. These FREE classic holiday viewings will be sure to amp up your festive spirit! More details to come - please follow the theatre on Facebook @19onthepark.

6 A CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS

Speaking of classics, the Museum offers us a journey through time with A Candlelight Christmas on Saturday, December 10 at 6:30pm. Decorated for the season, the Museum comes to life with the traditions of Christmas past! Join costumed staff for this charming evening event. Pre-Registration is required at townofws.ca/active using barcode 25389. Ticket cost is \$15 + HST for Children and \$20 + HST for Adults.

7 A CHRISTMAS CAROL

As we head into mid-December, we can look forward to being delighted by Motus O Dance Theatre's A Christmas Carol, at 19 on the Park. Performances will take place on

Saturday December 17th with shows at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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8 NEW YEAR'S EVE

Saturday, December 31st is New Year's Eve which brings with it the fireworks show in Memorial Park. The event will begin at 6:30pm and will conclude at 8pm with the largest fireworks display of the year!

9 WINTERFEST!

In 2023, the event season commences in February as we celebrate the Family Day weekend with Winterfest! On Saturday, February 18th, Memorial Park will come alive with the combination of fire and ice on display and in action! The event will begin at 6 p.m. and you can look forward to amazing performances, unique roaming characters and a spectacular fireworks finale closing off the event at 8pm. See the January edition of OTR for more details.

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2022

NOVEMBER HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Thurs
NOV 3

ANNUAL CUSTOMER APPRECIATION NIGHT

Redefined Finds, 6258 Main St

Start the holiday season off right by joining us here at Redefined Finds for our annual customer appreciation night. We will have food, Slabtown Cider samples, swag bags and more! **5-9pm.**

Thurs
NOV 3

LET'S PAINT WITH BRITTANY LAUREN

Cornerhouse Restaurant, 6403 Main St

Want to learn to paint? Looking for a reason to get out? I will be teaching you how to paint your own acrylic masterpieces step by step within our local Stouffville establishments. The theme of this event is Let's Paint "Owlbert". \$60, Register at: brittanylauren.ca/letspaint. **6:30-8:30pm.**

Fri-Sat
NOV 4-5

STOUFFVILLE'S CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR

The Marketplace, 13414 Highway 48

Every year, the Stouffville Christmas Home Tour takes place in early November, kicking off the holiday season. Local designers and florists team up with homeowners throughout Stouffville to decorate their homes for the holidays. Guests are welcomed into the homes to view the decor, ask questions and get inspired. A Christmas marketplace runs all weekend and the annual Friday night cocktail party is not to be missed. This is an Adult only event. Purchase tickets online at: stouffvillechristmashometour.ca.

NOV 4 -
DEC 10

EXHIBITION: WORK FROM HOME

Latcham Art Centre, 2 Park Dr

Work from Home showcases artworks contributed by Latcham staff, instructors, volunteers and Board members past and present, all made or reconsidered during the course of the pandemic. Combined with personal interviews from each contributor, the pairings reveal stories of place, the shifting role that artwork plays in our daily lives and the desire to remain creative during the pandemic.

Opening Reception, Friday, November 4, 7-9pm.

Sat
NOV 5

AN EVENING WITH CAPTAIN ROY BROWN

W-S Museum, 14732 Woodbine Ave

Experience an intimate evening at the Museum in honour of Captain Roy Brown, including a historically inspired meal and an engaging talk by the Roy Brown Society and Carleton Place & Beckwith Museum. Please contact the Museum at 905-727-8954 or wsmuseum@townofws.ca for tickets. \$60 + HST per ticket. **6:30pm.**

Sat
NOV 5

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY! FREE PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Redefined Finds, 6258 Main St

Have a holly jolly holiday season starting with Redefined Finds' Annual Holiday Party. Admission is free, so bring the entire family. We will have door prizes and free photos with Santa (booking required). redefinedfinds.ca. **10am-5pm.**

2022 NOVEMBER HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Sat
NOV 5

DUFFLEBAG'S PETER PAN

19 on the Park, 19 Civic Ave

Wendy Darling is sad to learn that she's growing too old to stay in the nursery any longer, and must move to the adult wing of the house. But when an adventurous young boy offers to fly her to Neverland where she can stay young forever, Wendy is catapulted into an adventure filled with magic pixies, charming pirates, and talking trees! As Peter Pan battles his arch-nemesis Captain Hook in DuffleBag Theatre's fun version of J.M. Barrie's beloved classic. Recommended for grades K-8. Tickets available at 19onthepark.ca. **2pm.**

Sat
NOV 12

HARVEST MARKET CRAFT SHOW & SALE

Springvale Church, 3885 Stouffville Rd

Support local vendors at our annual Harvest Market Craft Show & Sale. Everything from crafts, home decor, art, jewelry, textiles and more! Come and shop and then enjoy some entertainment in our cafe! Everyone is welcome! Free entry with non-perishable food item. **9am-5pm.**

Sat
NOV 12

CHRISTMAS MARKET & CAFE

Christ Church Anglican, 254 Sunset Blvd

Craft vendors, boutique, and the famous Christ Church bake sale. You're guaranteed to find something unique and special for this Christmas season: pottery, baking, jewellery, hand crafted gifts, ornaments, home decor, original art, edibles, and more. After shopping, stop by the Christ Church Café, which will be serving homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts. **10am-3pm.**

Thurs
NOV 17

LADIES NIGHT IN THE VILLAGE

Stouffville Village, Downtown

Ladies Night returns to the Village. It's the kick off to the holiday season in the Village of Stouffville, with multiple dining options, giveaways, draws and much more. Main Street stores in the Village will be open late for the occasion. For a list of restaurants participating or to order your tickets go to stouffvillechamber.ca, **5-9pm.**

Thurs
NOV 17

LET'S PAINT WITH BRITTANY LAUREN

Cornerhouse Restaurant, 6403 Main St

Want to learn to paint? Looking for a reason to get out? I will be teaching you how to paint your own acrylic masterpieces step by step within our local Stouffville establishments. The theme of this event is Let's Paint "Snowy Blue Bear". \$60, Register at: brittanylauren.ca/letspaint. **6:30-8:30pm.**

Thurs
NOV 17

WINE & PAINT NIGHT

Latcham Art Centre, 2 Park Dr

Enjoy a relaxing setting with a brush and a glass and take pride in your newfound painting skills at Latcham Art Centre. Supplies provided along with an instructor who will guide you during your new favourite night out. This is a 19+ event with food and alcohol available for purchase during the event – government issued ID is required. Please bring a water bottle to keep hydrated and dress in painting attire. \$25, Register at: latchamartcentre.ca, **7-9pm.**

Fri
NOV 18

YUK YUK'S ON TOUR (19+)

19 on the Park, 19 Civic Ave

Three hilarious Yuk Yuk's comics performing right here in Stouffville! Performers to be confirmed closer to show date. Thanks to our Activation Sponsor, Trentadue Torres Group, all ticket buyers for this show will get a free drink ticket upon arrival! Tickets available at 19onthepark.ca. **8pm.**

Sat
NOV 19

HOLIDAY CARD MAKING WITH LINOCUTS

Perennial Petals Flower Farm

In this beginners' workshop, you will be inspired by the beauty of winter and the upcoming holiday season. Explore the possibilities of a lost art. Learn about linocut printing by hand as printmaker Jacquie Sullivan guides you through the use of the tools of the trade to experiment with carving techniques, application of ink, and printing on paper without a press. Age: 16+. \$125, incl. materials. See perennialpetals.com. **10am-4pm.**

Sat
NOV 19

42ND ANNUAL VICTORIAN TEA

W-S Museum, 14732 Woodbine Ave

This event will provide you with a delicious taste of Christmas past, featuring a traditional catered tea and a festive tour of the Museum's buildings. The Museum is located adjacent to the beautiful Vandorf Park. Tickets are \$30 each + HST. To book your tickets call the Museum to secure your spot at 905-727-895. **Two tea sittings: 11:30am and 1:30pm.**

Sat-Sun
NOV 19-20

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

Joyous Light Candles, 4369 Faulkner Ave

Joyous Light Candles will be hosting their Christmas Holiday Sale. You will find many new candle designs to celebrate the season and that would make great gift ideas. Along with the candles, indulge in homemade jams, Greek pastries, and other baked goods. Top it all off with a hot Souvlaki dinner to take home and enjoy with your family! **11am-5pm.**

Sun
NOV 20

WICKED WINTER WREATH WORKSHOP

Perennial Petals Flower Farm

Come to the farm and get into the festive spirit by creating your very own natural greenery wreath. All material will be provided including freshly harvested evergreens, berries, dogwood and pinecones. Ribbons are optional. No previous experience necessary. A great way to start off the holiday season. \$95 + HST. This is a small group workshop and each person will have all the attention they need to create a masterpiece. Min.3 - Max.6. For more, see perennialpetals.com. **1-3pm, or 4-6pm.** Also available Sun, Nov. 27, 4-6pm.

Tues
NOV 22

WICKED WINTER SLEIGH WORKSHOP

Perennial Petals Flower Farm

This is one of our most requested workshops. Grab a friend and come out to make your own winter sleigh from natural greenery and complimentary accents. For your front door, for your backyard or for your favourite relative. Learn how to make it once and re-create every year as a tradition. \$85 +HST per sleigh, incl. materials. This is a small group workshop and each person will have all the attention they need to create a masterpiece. Min.3 - Max.6. For more, see perennialpetals.com. **4-6pm.** Also available Sun, Nov. 27, 1-3pm.

Thurs
NOV 24

URN INSERT WORKSHOP

Perennial Petals Flower Farm

Come to the farm and create your own winter container insert. Use the greenery and accents that best reflect you and take it home to pop into your container. Easy and effective. No previous experience necessary. Cost is \$65 + HST. This is a small group workshop and each person will have all the attention they need to create a masterpiece. For more, see perennialpetals.com. **4-6pm.**

NOV 24 -
NOV 27

BEYOND CRAFT SHOW & SALE 2022

19 on the Park, 19 Civic Ave

Shop handmade for the holidays this November at Latcham Art Centre's annual one-of-a-kind craft show & sale! For the first time since its inception, Beyond Craft will be held during the Stouffville Holiday Market, an event with fun for all ages. Find something special for yourself, a gift for a loved one, stocking stuffers and more, just in time for the holiday season!

Thursday 6-9pm

Friday 10am-9pm

Saturday 10am-9pm

NOV 25 -
NOV 27

STOUFFVILLE HOLIDAY MARKET

19 On the Park & Memorial Park

This 3-day event will feature a tree lighting ceremony out front of the clock tower at 19 on the Park, at 6:30pm on the Friday. For all three days of the event, you can visit unique outdoor merchandise vendors, take photos with Santa, enjoy food & beverage, and amazing live performances throughout the weekend in Memorial Park. There will also be up to 30 more vendors located inside 19 on the Park with Latcham Art Centre's Beyond Craft sale.

Friday 6-10pm

Saturday 2-10pm

Sunday 12-4pm

Fri-Sat
NOV 25-26

COUNTRY PASTIMES

12601 McCowan Rd

Country Pastimes is excited to welcome you to another amazing outdoor sale. This sale is 2 km south of Lemonville on McCowan Road (#12601). Cash, debit and MasterCard accepted. **10am-3pm.**

Holiday Bake Sale Nov. 19-20



Sat
NOV 26

DECK THE HALLS – ADULT WREATHMAKING WORKSHOP

W-S Museum, 14732 Woodbine Ave

Build your own beautiful wreath using fresh greenery! Enjoy a guided visit to the Victorian Farmhouse decorated for the season, light refreshments, and stop in at the gift shop for unique holiday items. Pre-Registration required at townofws.ca/active using barcode 25382. Recommended Ages: 18+. \$50 + HST per participant. **9am.**

Tues
NOV 29

SEW FESTIVE (BEGINNER)

W-S Museum, 14732 Woodbine Ave

Enjoy a festive atmosphere as you learn the basics to craft your own reusable gift bags. Little to no sewing machine knowledge required. Participants are encouraged to bring their own scissors, seam rippers, needles, hand sewing needle and sewing machine. Pre-Registration required at townofws.ca/active using barcode 25387. Recommended Ages: 16+. \$35 + HST per participant. **6pm.**

2022 DECEMBER HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Thurs
DEC 1

WICKED WINTER SLEIGH WORKSHOP

Perennial Petals Flower Farm
Repeat description (see Nov 22), 4pm-6pm.

Sat
DEC 3

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

Velvet Sunrise, 100 Ringwood Dr Unit 8.
Join Velvet Sunrise Coffee Roasters for the annual open house event, featuring free samples and Birthday Cake (celebrating 13 years in business) as we share our gratitude for another year with our valued friends, family and customers. This holiday season be sure to try The Nutcracker Seasonal Feature Coffee, Lisa's shortbread cookies, and a fun new specialty latte – Cereal Milk Latte. 9am-4pm.

Sat
DEC 3

GNOME WORKSHOP

Perennial Petals Flower Farm
Gnomes make everyone smile and we may all need a smile at some point this winter. Create a gnome to live on your veranda or front lawn. Bring a friend and have some fun. Sure to help get you in the Holiday spirit. All materials included. Cost is \$55 + HST. This is a small group workshop and each person will have all the attention they need to create a masterpiece. Min. 3 - Max. 6. For more, see perennialpetals.com. 1-3pm.

Sat
DEC 3

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Ninth Line to Park Drive
Santa Claus is coming to town for the annual Stouffville Santa Claus Parade! The parade route begins at Ninth Line and ends at Park Drive. This evening parade will feature amazing community floats, bands, performers and will be capped off with a visit from Santa himself! For more, see: townofws.ca/stouffvillesantaclausparade. Starts at 6pm.

Sat
DEC 3

SANTA PAWS

Muttz With Mannerz, 5710 Main St
Join us at Muttz With Mannerz for a Festive Event. Family and furfriends welcomed for fun times. Our special guest, Santa Paws will be there ready to take photos with you and your pup. Visit our vendors and leave with Treats and Goodies for all, humans and dogs. Please contact us at 905-640-DOGS(3647) for more information. 11am-2pm.

Sun
DEC 4

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Stouffville Mem Christian Church, 6528 Main St
The Stouffville Memorial Christian Church community will be hosting a Christmas dinner. We welcome people to join us in a Christmas spirit of carol singing, celebrating, and feasting! To begin immediately following a 10:30am worship service.

Tues
DEC 6

CRICUT CREATIONS HOLIDAY GIFT TAGS

W-S Public Library, 2 Park Dr
Registration required. Discover new projects with Cricut Creations! Get ready for the holidays by learning how to make custom gift tags! Supplies will be provided for creating 5 holiday gift tags! Location: Library Makerspace. Cost: \$10/person. Registration required online with Barcode 24944 at wsplibrary.ca. 6:30-7:30pm.

Tues
DEC 6

SEW FESTIVE (INTERMEDIATE)

W-S Museum, 14732 Woodbine Ave
Enjoy a festive atmosphere as you craft your very own holiday stocking. Basic sewing machine knowledge required. Participants are encouraged to bring their own scissors, seam rippers, needles, hand sewing needle and sewing machine. Pre-Registration required at townofws.ca/active using barcode 25388. Recommended Ages: 16+. \$50+HST per person. 6pm.

Wed
DEC 7

LIFE-DRAWING WORKSHOP

Latcham Art Centre, 2 Park Dr
For Ages 18+. Interested in discovering the human form inspired by a nude life model? This session is perfect for someone who works independently and is building on their fine observational and technical skills. Students who are considering art as a career are encouraged to draw from the figure as much as possible. All supplies will be provided. \$30, Register at latchamartcentre.ca, 5:30-7:30pm.

DEC 9 -
Dec 10

HOLIDAY MOVIE FESTIVAL

19 On the Park, 19 Civic Ave
On Friday and Saturday, December 9th and 10th, you can look forward to a Holiday Movie Festival at our local theatre. These FREE classic holiday viewings will be sure to amp up your festive spirit! More details to come – please follow the theatre on Facebook @19onthePark.

Sat
DEC 10

A CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS

W-S Museum, 14732 Woodbine Ave
Decorated for the season, the Museum comes to life with the traditions of Christmas past! Join costumed staff for this charming evening event. Pre-Registration is required at townofws.ca/active using barcode 25389. Ticket cost is \$15 + HST for Children and \$20 + HST for Adults. 6:30pm.

Sun
DEC 11

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Eastridge Church, 12485 Tenth Line
Join us at EastRidge Church for this free event. Bring your whole family! There is lots to do, games, crafts, enjoy some treats, take a picture with Santa, and so much more! 2-4pm.

Mon
DEC 12

CRICUT CREATIONS HOLIDAY GIFT TAGS

W-S Public Library, 2 Park Dr
Repeat description (see Dec 6). Registration required online with Barcode 24945 at wsplibrary.ca. 6:30-7:30pm.

DEC 14 -
JAN 4

EXHIBITION: ARTWORK BY GRADUATING SDSS STUDENTS

Latcham Art Centre, 2 Park Dr
Latcham Art Centre is thrilled to once again partner with the graduating class of Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) for a showcase of their artistic talents. For over two decades, the grade twelve art students from SDSS have worked with Latcham's curator to mount a professional exhibition of artworks that they have created during their first semester. Please join us at the **Opening Reception, Wednesday, Dec. 14, 7-9pm.**

Wed
DEC 14

SCULPTURE/INSTALLATION WORKSHOP

Latcham Art Centre, 2 Park Dr
For ages 18+. In this 3-hour workshop, participants will create one piece of artwork using mixed media to create their own unique Sculpture/Installation. \$45, Register at latchamartcentre.ca, 5pm to 8pm.

DEC 14 -
DEC 23

DUCK THE HALLS

King Cole Ducks, 15351 Warden Ave
Duck the Halls will run daily with a unique sampling each day of duck such as Smoked Duck Breast, Duck Spring Rolls, Duck Wings, and Duck Pate. King cole is Ontario's only farm fresh duck store. So duck in! **Daily 11am-3pm.**

Thurs
DEC 15

LIFE-DRAWING WORKSHOP

Latcham Art Centre, 2 Park Dr
For ages 12-17. Discover the human form inspired by a clothed life model. Students considering art as a career are encouraged to draw from the figure as much as possible. This guided workshop is perfect for building confidence in observational and technical skills. All supplies will be provided. \$25, Register at latchamartcentre.ca, 5:30-7:30pm.

Sat
DEC 17

CHRISTMAS CHICKEN DINNER AND DANCE

Stouffville Legion 459, 150 Mostar St
Christmas Chicken Dinner and Dance with live performance by the Chapman Brothers. Limited seats, book by Nov. 26 with Rochelle, rochellechristmas22@gmail.com. Please bring an ornament for the Merry Little Ornament Exchange. \$45 per person. **Doors Open at 4:30pm, Dinner at 5:30pm.**

Sat
DEC 17

MOTUS-0, A CHRISTMAS CAROL

19 On the Park, 19 Civic Ave
For description, see Page 10, #7. This is a Christmas classic!

Wed
DEC 21

HANUKKAH CRAFT

W-S Public Library, 2 Park Dr
Join us for a Hanukkah Craft to celebrate this special time. Ages 3-11. Families welcome to this free event. Registration required online with Barcode 24973 at wsplibrary.ca. 10:30-11:30am.

Wed
DEC 28

KWANZAA CRAFT

W-S Public Library, 2 Park Dr
Join us for a Kwanzaa Craft to celebrate this special time. Ages 3-11. Families welcome to this free event. Registration required online with Barcode 24974 at wsplibrary.ca. 10:30-11:30am.

DEC 27 -
DEC 29

WINTER BREAK ART CAMP WEEK 1

Latcham Art Centre, 2 Park Dr
For ages 5-11. Express your creativity in this week full of fun and artistic activities! Each day features new projects using different materials, styles, and techniques. Drop off between 8:30am – 9am. Pick up between 4pm – 4:30pm. \$50 per day, per child. Register by day at latchamartcentre.ca.

Wed
DEC 28

TEEN TRIVIA & HOT CHOCOLATE BAR

W-S Public Library, 2 Park Dr
You'll be quizzed on the best moments of 2022 (and the worst!). Questions will include pop culture, books & media, and major events. Make a warm drink at our hot chocolate bar. You will need a device (phone, tablet) that can connect to wifi to participate. Cost Free. Registration required by emailing teens@wsplibrary.ca. 6-8pm.

Fri
DEC 30

LEFTOVER CRAFTS

W-S Public Library, 2 Park Dr
Help us use up various crafts that we have done throughout the year. Supplies are limited and vary. Drop-in program; no registration required. Ages 3-11. Free event. 10:30-11:30am.

JAN 2 -
JAN 6

WINTER BREAK ART CAMP WEEK 2

Latcham Art Centre, 2 Park Dr
For ages 5-11. Express your creativity in this week full of fun and artistic activities! Each day features new projects using different materials, styles, and techniques. Drop off between 8:30am – 9am. Pick up between 4pm – 4:30pm. \$50 per day, per child. Register by day at latchamartcentre.ca.

JAN 6 -
JAN 23

THE MASTERCLASS SERIES

19 On the Park, 19 Civic Ave
The Masterclass Series is designed to offer higher learning opportunities related to the world of theatre and entertainment for all ages. Learn from professional James Croker in an intimate setting. For more Facebook@19onthePark. Sessions @ Jan 6, 16, 22, 23.



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FINDING Mother Christmas

by David Tuley

I vote for Kathy Croxall of Stouffville IDA Pharmacy as Mother Christmas. Once a year in early November Kathy descends to the store at night, with no customers present, to build the IDA Christmas shop.

In this annual tradition, Christmas music is reportedly blasting through the store while Kathy stays up all night. She has been the General Manager of the store for over 15 years. "My mother, who is now 97 years old, helped with the Christmas shop up until 5 years ago," says Kathy.

Kathy starts Christmas buying in January of each year, "While everything is fresh in mind. I try to collect items for different design tastes and desires. These have a polished look, while these cater to little kids," she explains. "Gnomes are always big, and we have great gnomes. I have a thing for snowmen, you will always find lots of these."

With a devilish look, Kathy says, "This year we have a line of classic Canadian-made candles with punchy sayings for an adult audience. These are suggestive fun." The IDA Christmas shop also features winter-themed items and clothing.

It is obvious that Kathy really enjoys this aspect of the store, which is why she has been nominated for Mother Christmas. Kathy concludes, "We have a real feeling of community downtown. We know our supporters well. Like family." But, can there be two Mother Christmas? Of course, Pat Montgomery has been in the business of selling gifts, home decor, cups, candles, and Christmas items at Candlelight and Memories. In fact, November 2022 marks Pat's 21st anniversary with the store.

Candlelight and Memories is a quaint gift shop and tea room located in a century home on the Main Street of Downtown Stouffville. Pat collects a wide variety of unique gifts to choose from, many of which are Canadian-made, and she's always getting in new stock.

"I do it because I love it. It's obviously not about the money, although paying for heat and hydro is sometimes important," says Pat. "It's the people. Some just come to talk. Some come from far away to sit and talk. This is more than a gift shop, it is part of the community."

[top left] Kathy Croxall, Mother Christmas

[on cover] Gnomes at Stouffville IDA

[bottom left] Pat Montgomery, also Mother Christmas

2022 Shop Local Guide



For Bicycles, E-Bikes, Clothing, Shoes, Helmets, Accessories:

BIKE ASYLUM 6380 Main St.



For Phones and Devices - Apple, Samsung, Google, ZTE, Motorola:

FREEDOM MOBILE 6209 Main St.



For Bags, Backpacks, Duffles, Totes, Tablet Cases, Waist-Packs, Cross-Bodies:

PKG CARRY GOODS 6276 Main St.



For Gifts, Christmas Items, Cups, Candles, Home Decor, Gnomes:

CANDLELIGHT & MEMORIES 6198 Main St.
STOUFFVILLE IDA 6212 Main St.
THE COOLEST LITTLE
ICE CREAM SHOP 150 Cedarvale Blvd



Sewing Machines, Supplies, Fabrics, Accessories, Ribbons, Buttons, Bows:

ANN'S FABRIC & SEWING CTR 6350 Main St.



For Sweaters, Blouses, Coats, Dresses, Pants, Footwear, Bags, Gowns, etc.:

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THE GIRLS BRA SHOP 6316 Main St.
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For Paints, Stains, Home Decor, Kitchen & Pantry, Furniture, Bath & Body, Accessories:

REDEFINED FINDS 6258 Main St.



For Professional Framing, Picture Frames, Giftware, Art, Pillows:

ARTEPHILE 6186 Main St.



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CARD'S APPLIANCES 6392 Main St.



[above] George Karpouzis, Father Christmas

FINDING Father Christmas

by David Tuley

I vote for George Karpouzis of The Coolest Little Ice Cream Shop (A.K.A Cedar Beach Variety) at Musselman's Lake as Father Christmas. This nomination is for good reason, as George hosts an incredible Holiday Market each year. This market showcases up to 60 different local vendors and is open Saturdays and Sundays in December. I found The Coolest Little Ice Cream Shop on Facebook last December and followed their many posts about the Holiday Market. I was heavily disappointed that the annual Holiday Edition of OTR (2021) had failed to capture such a great resource. I vowed not to let it happen again.

I recently visited George. He's a friendly and enthusiastic man. He has owned the store for 15 years. It is packed from one end

to the other with locally made treasures. Yes, it is a popular ice cream shop and variety store, but George explained that it needed to evolve. "The clientele across the street at Fishbone by the Lake desire quality shopping experiences, so we have provided this experience," he said.

George gave us a tour of the shop. He is proud of every vendor in the store. "This is Made in a Barn - she makes fantastic signs from barnwood in Stouffville. This is Beach Restoration & Company - Nadia has the beach and cottage-themed items such as pillows and other home decor," said George. He is only getting started...

"This is fun - Kiss My Glass collects beach finds out East and turns them into jewelry. Here, Karen at Dog Gone Gear hand makes

awesome dog collars. Over here, Charlene Bateman is a well-known local candle maker. This is Athena's Diaper Cakes & Hair Pretties - she crochets children's hats and baby accessories. This is Zephyr Transformative Art - Deborah hand paints these tranquility smidgets..."

George continues this way for an hour - there is a lot to see at The Coolest Little Ice Cream Shop. The store closes down in November and reopens as the Christmas Market. "During the COVID precautionary times, we had people lined up outside the shop," said George.

This amazing place and the great enthusiasm that he has for it, has earned George Karpouzis the title of Father Christmas. Visit him in December.

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Empex Watertoys

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One of the first water playgrounds ever constructed was built at Ontario Place in 1971, by some of the innovative designers who came out fresh from the 1967 World's Fair in Montreal. The aquatic playground at Ontario Place had an undulating pool with a host of interactive and innovative water features, such as water bikes and handpumps. Over the years, the original water features started to have problems and features were removed one-by-one, and truth be told, the park had by that time seen better days. Wyeth Tracy – Founder & President of Empex Watertoys – says that the start of Empex Watertoys began when he was the Director of Capital Works at Ontario Place in 1984 when he was hired on to spearhead a 5-year renovation plan for the park. The first thing that Wyeth tackled was the water bikes. He attended shows around the world, including in Orlando and Las Vegas, but

couldn't find a suitable water bike replacement that would have low maintenance and long durability. With his searches proving unsuccessful, he personally embarked on designing, developing, and testing, a water bike which he eventually pitched and sold to Ontario Place. From there, Wyeth ran an ad in the World Waterpark Magazine, where he featured water toys such as a teetertotter, water cannon, and of course the water bike. The first order that came in from the ad was to a company in Japan for water bikes. To fill the orders that were coming in, Wyeth worked in his basement and dedicated any spare time he had outside his job at Ontario Place, to designing, developing, and testing water toys. Eventually, Wyeth's water toy business took off, and in 2001 he left Ontario Place to work fulltime on Empex Watertoys.

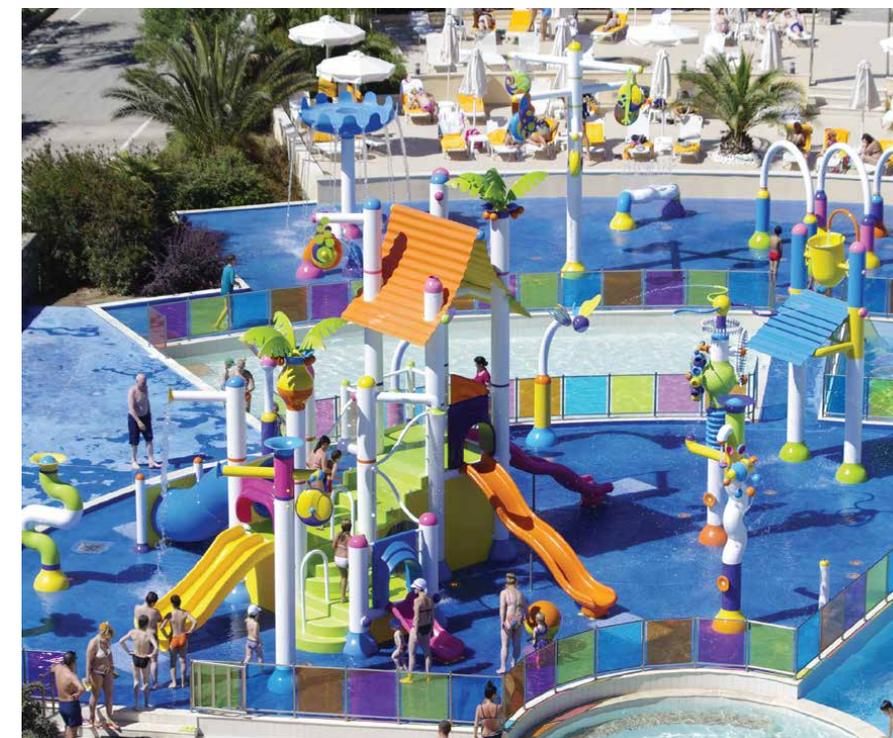
Today, Empex Watertoys can be found in over 50 countries and on every continent. Empex Watertoys toys and structures, are found in resorts, water parks, amusement parks, hotels, cruise ships, and even your local splashpads. Historically, water toys were made of ferrous (iron) materials, which were prone to rust, got extremely hot on sunny days, and were highly conductive in thunderstorms. Even stainless steel, which people often associate with being rust proof, will eventually corrode due to the carbon contained in the steel. Empex's products are made of composite plastic and fiberglass materials which remove all the problems associated with ferrous products, while also providing a lifetime warranty against corrosion, increased safety, and ultimately a higher return on investment for operators. You only need to visit Empex's Clients page to see how widespread their

reach is: www.watertoys.com/case-studies.

The creativity, colour, and themes for Empex's water toys and structures are boundless. Empex has strived to create a distinguishable look, by focusing on size and visuals – being larger, bolder, and more colourful. The water toys Empex builds function in a few ways – there are shooters and tippers, and toys powered by kinetic water energy, which are playfully named Aquashooters, Aquatippers, and Aquanetics. The Aquadeks, which can be multilevel, combine slides with the Aquashooters, Aquatippers, and Aquanetics. Since Empex's water toys and structures are made of fiberglass and composite plastic, there is much more design flexibility. The materials are not as rigid as metal, so their plastics can be molded into uniquely creative designs that have more appeal for children and encourage more interaction and cooperative play. The Aquazoo range has a host of water toys in the shape of bears, giraffes, foxes, raccoons, beavers, crocodiles, and flamingos, just to name a few. The Aquabild line has fun construction style toys, such as pylons, screwdrivers, lights, and dump trucks. Some additional themed watertoys include: Aquawest – western theme; Aquamar – marine inspired interactivity; Aquaflyte – flite themed water toys; Aquagalaxy – interactive water toys from outer space; Aquafarm – water play barn yard with interactive farmyard friends; Aquapirates – a unique pirate play collection for your water playground; along with many, many more. If there is a theme that you can think of, Empex can make the toys and structures to emulate it.

Acqua Circo (circus themed) and Aquadolce (candy inspired collection) at Thermas Water Park are some of the larger projects that Empex has undertaken, and both are in Brazil. At Acqua Circo, which is in the state of Fortaleza, there are 100 different water toys. Empex works on both big and small projects, and right now, they are working on several projects, with some of them in Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, Poland, Romania, Italy, and the United States.

The quality of products that Empex manufactures advertises itself. They have unique distributors, and it's the various companies and landscape architects that they've worked with over the years who continue to specify their products and vouch for their quality and durability.



[left] Aerial view of Acqua Circo in Fortaleza, Brazil; [above] Aquadolce (candy inspired collection) at Thermas Water Park, in São Paulo, Brazil; Aquadek, in a splash pad, surrounded by water toys at Platamonas Resort, Greece.





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STOUFFVILLE SENIOR OF THE MONTH
HANNELORE VOLPE

- 1. How long have you lived in Stouffville?** Hannelore moved to Stouffville from Thornhill about 35 years ago, but she and her husband Tony had been coming to Stouffville Country Market for long before that.
- 2. Tell us about your family:** Hannelore and Tony have three children: Laura, Grace, and Graziano. In addition, they have an amazing daughter-in-law, Agata, and the best son-in-law, Brad. The family unit is rounded out by the world's two best and smartest grandchildren, Antonio and Mia.
- 3. Tell us about your career.** For more than ten years Hannelore was a reporter for the Stouffville Sun newspaper, which became today's Stouffville Sun Tribune. Her editor, Jim Mason, was a great mentor. She survived many a late-night Council Meeting and had the joy of watching Council watchdogs eventually take their place as local politicians themselves.
- 4. Tell us about the highlights of your life!** Being able to live with my family in this peaceful community; being a reporter for our local papers, including the Stouffville Free Press under the guidance of that quintessential people-person Bruce Stapley; to write about the many good people here, as well as the not-so-good and also the controversial; Laura winning First Prize at the Markham Fair this year for her carved Jack O' Lantern; Hannelore winning second prize in that same competition (the rivalry continues next year!); winning a ribbon for her papyrus before the pandemic.
- 5. "What's life all about Grandma?"** Life being such a mysterious thing. All you can do is stick together, help each other and be civil to those you disagree with. And keep learning!
- 6. What do you like best about life in Stouffville!** When she first moved here, people said "Hello" as they passed you on the street. At the Strawberry Festival, it took two hours to go along Main Street from the Train Station to Park Drive because you would always meet someone you knew. That sense of community remains.
- 7. What would make life in Stouffville even better!** Encourage the powers-that-be to help make life easier for seniors by constructing housing that is both accessible and affordable and making better and more home care available.



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Susan's TIP-OFF

with SUSAN TUCKER

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IN FLANDERS FIELDS Whitchurch - Stouffville's Poppies of Remembrance

"In Flanders Fields" is a poem written by Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae in Ypres, France in 1915 during World War 1. His inspiration came from his view of the once battle-scarred fields that had become blossoming poppy meadows. The soil containing the dormant seeds had been torn up in the vicious battles allowing the poppy seeds to become active, and the beautiful red flowers emerged to cover the landscape. The red poppy became a symbol of remembrance first by American Moina Michael who in turn inspired others, with the first poppy day in Canada being November 11, 1921. You will see the lapel version appear everywhere at the end of every October, and all that is asked is for you to donate to the Legion's poppy fund to support our military veterans.

We are privileged and I should say lucky to be living in Canada, where we have a

wonderful mix of cultures, heritages, ethnicities, and beliefs that share this land, and although you may be critical of the way some things are done here, you cannot deny the level of freedom and the quality of life that we enjoy. It could all have turned out very differently. Many of us have ancestors that fought in the 2 world wars, and although there are many movies depicting the horrors of war, to most of us, they are just pictures on our screens, a Hollywood script, it's not real. But it is real, millions of people have fought and died in wars. Read that again...MILLIONS! The price for the freedom that we enjoy is in the number of lives lost, the number of families destroyed. It is because of those that fought, that defended our freedoms and our democracy, that we have the choices that we do today, choices that so many of us take for granted.

This Clock Tower Poppy Project is to raise awareness and visibility to what (in my mind) has been fading in the rear-view mirror for so many. We must never forget the sacrifices, and the atrocities of war, we must continue the education and conversation about the how, what, why, when, and where of war. We need to continue to honour the memory of those war heroes and remember that what we have was not handed to us, our families fought and died for it.

It also serves to remind us to appreciate the active military members currently engaged, they are there to help and protect us and fight for us.

The annual Remembrance services at the cemetery and cenotaph at the Stouffville Legion are presented by the Legion members, and these ceremonies are an important and vital way for us to pay our respects and honour our fallen.

Sunday, November 6 at 1:00 pm at the Stouffville Cemetery.

Friday, November 11 at 10:55 at the Stouffville Legion.

The display will be up until November 12, please

take the opportunity to visit the clock tower, appreciate the many hours that our dedicated volunteers have put into it by knitting and crocheting these poppies over the past year. Spend a few minutes contemplating the real meaning of what these poppies represent. View the banners posted on our Main St. lamp posts and keep the conversation going with your kids, and attend either or both ceremonies the Legion will be presenting, to show your respect and honour the fallen. Lest We Forget.

Please also take a look at the 2 stores - Lindy's Floral Boutique and Schell Lumber - that have generously offered up their front windows to share our poppy project further. The Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum also has a great Ace Academy aviation exhibit running until the end of November, be sure to check it out, admission is free!

I would like to thank the many volunteers that contributed so much time and energy into this project, you have been truly amazing, my heart grew many sizes seeing the dedication you all have shown, to name you all would take up all my space in this column, but you know who you are...please be proud of what you have done, you deserve it. And brag about it! To Town staff who have been on board with this since I first started it last year, and have come on board over the past several months...you rock! Again, too many names to list, but please know that you have brought to reality a very special project and I owe you a huge debt of gratitude (please note, gratitude is not exchangeable for cash!) A special shout out to Steer Friends and Schell Lumber for your ongoing support.

Just a small side note, when I originally posted this project on Facebook (in the Stouffville Bulletin group), I made an ask to see if we could get 2,000 poppies. Ladies and gentlemen, we ended up with over 5,600 poppies! What a truly amazing community we have, I'm bursting with pride at this achievement by so many of our wonderful friends and neighbours!

(the photo is just a teaser...come over and see how beautiful the display is)



time for SOUPS

Ok, I am going to change it up a little here. I will share a couple of my favourite soup recipes with you. This is the time of year for soups, so why not. Now they both have meat in them, so I am not steering entirely away from the grill, just a little twist.

The first recipe is a soup that I have been having since I was in a highchair. It is not a difficult soup and doesn't have too many ingredients, it is basically a beef noodle soup, and it is so good.

As with most recipes that have been in a family for years, they change and get lost. So, this is all from memory, and we have nothing written down.

First, you want 2 cups of stewing beef and 1 pound of ground beef. You will also need to buy yourself some Maggi if you don't already have one. It is a key ingredient. Maggi seasoning is a food flavour enhancer available in a thin, concentrated dark brown liquid, granulated powder, and cube form. I use the concentrated liquid form.

If the stewing beef comes in large pieces, cut them down into smaller bite-size pieces. For the ground beef, make small meatballs. I usually make them a little smaller than a golf ball size. For the seasoning, I only add black pepper and salt to the meatballs. Set the meatballs aside. In a large pot, add a small amount of olive oil, and bring the pot up to a high enough temp to sear the stewing beef. Once the stewing beef is seared, remove it from the pot, fill it with water, and bring it to a boil. Add the stewing beef to the boiling water and let it reduce for an hour or so,

just until the meat can be broken apart with a fork. Then add the meatballs and cook them for 20 min. Now add 2 tbsp of Maggi to start. You will add more as you go to suit your taste. For the noodles, we use vermicelli nests. I like to cook the noodles separately so I can add the meat and broth to the noodles as I want. It is also better for leftovers, so you don't have noodles that become soggy. Now that is an easy soup that I am sure you all have a similar recipe for... but it is so good.

The next soup is Chicken Curry Soup and again, this is really good. This one has a recipe and ingredients list. You will need two boneless chick breasts, one medium onion, one medium red pepper, 2 tsp of fresh ginger, two cloves of fresh garlic, juice of half a lime, one can of coconut milk, 2 cups of chicken stock, 3 tsp of curry powder, 1 tsp of onion powder and 1 tsp of sugar.

I like to grill the chicken breast on the bbq, get some good grill marks, and add some extra flavour. Once the chicken is grilled, dice it up and set aside. Next, dice up your onion, red pepper, ginger, and garlic. Add some olive oil and about a tablespoon of butter in a large pot, and sauté the onions, peppers, and garlic until they are slightly soft, like al Dante.

Now you want to add the curry powder and ginger and stir around...maybe even add a little more butter. I like to heat the ginger and curry powder to release the flavours before adding any liquid. Next, add the chicken back in and stir it thoroughly. Add the lime juice, coconut milk, sugar and



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chicken stock and simmer for 30-40min. You will want to taste this soup several times during the process to make sure you are happy with the flavours. I usually add more curry powder to mine once everything has had time to blend and simmer in the pot.

These two soups are the definition of comfort food for me. They are not that difficult to make and are always a crowd-pleaser. I like getting a loaf of fresh bread to go with both of these soups. You can also serve these soups as a starter at a dinner party.

Enjoy and Happy Holidays!



From WHERE I LIVE

with BRUCE STAPLEY



COME FROM AWAY Record-Setting Broadway Musical had a Stouffville Connection

When Rocky (Irwin) Sankoff phoned his daughter the morning of September 11, 2001 warning her not to go to classes that day at the acting studio in Manhattan where she was a student, he could never have imagined her collaborating on an epic stage musical that was an offshoot of the events of that infamous day, a show that would go on to be the longest running Canadian production ever to perform on Broadway.

Irene Sankoff and her musician husband David Hein remained in New York working and studying for several years after the 9/11 terrorist attack. They eventually returned to Toronto where Irene continued to work as an actress. She and David wrote their first musical stage play, *My Mother's Lesbian Jewish Wiccan Wedding* in 2009, with the production becoming a hit in Toronto and across Canada. As a result of the show's success, the couple was approached by noted theatre producer Michael Rubinoff to write the music and lyrics for a show based on Operation Yellow Ribbon, which saw the residents of Gander Newfoundland take in 7,000 passengers stranded there for five days when their flights were diverted due to the 9/11 terrorist attack in New York.

Irene and David went to Gander in 2011 for the 10-year reunion of the locals and the people who had been hosted there, amassing the collection of stories that

would become the basis of their blockbuster stage production *Come From Away*. "You literally can't make this stuff up, no one would believe you, which is why there is so much verbatim in *Come From Away*," said Irene. "The fact it all happened is the most extraordinary thing of all."

The show was originally workshopped as a 45-minute production at Sheridan College's Canadian Music Theatre project in 2013. Irene and David then expanded it to the full-length musical that opened on Broadway in 2017, where it recently closed after a five-year run. It was performed at Toronto's Royal Alexander Theatre from 2018-21, has run in numerous noted theatres across North America and around the world, and will return to Toronto and Ottawa in 2024. Along the way, Irene and David have received a host of high-level live theatre awards and nominations in Canada and the United States. "It's been an amazing adventure, that's for sure," said Irene.

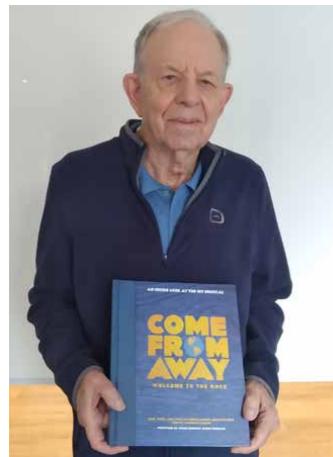
Looking back on the writing process, Irene recalls how parts of *Come From Away* were penned in her Dad's basement in Ballantrae, where the couple would retreat in between their endless travels across the continent developing the production. With a young baby in tow, they were more than glad to have Rocky and his wife Shirl, Irene's stepmother, entertain baby Molly for a while so they could work on the ongoing process of developing *Come From Away*. "It was a good place to escape and get some babysitting so we could focus

for a few hours," recalled Irene. "Dad fed us, and I think we took laundry down there a couple of times."

Rocky and Shirl, who now reside at the Bloom Stouffville Retirement Community, boast an endless array of printed materials and magazine covers featuring *Come from Away* and its creators. Their wardrobes include clothing emblazoned with artwork relating to the production. "You always want to promote what your kids are doing," said Rocky. "We're walking billboards for *Come From Away*. When we go on cruises we wear *Come From Away* T-shirts and ball caps. People come up to us and say 'I saw that show' and we tell them our daughter and son-in-law wrote it."

While Irene takes great pride in *Come From Away's* huge success, she suggests the people who provided the inspiration for the production deserve just as much credit as she and her husband. "It's truly unbelievable, the longest-running Canadian production and 49th longest-running show on Broadway, the longest-running show in the Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre {a Broadway theatre}. The show has broken records and won awards everywhere it's been. But that's just a testament to the Newfoundlanders and 'Come From Aways' who did something uniquely brave, which was to co-exist peacefully in less than ideal physical conditions under the threat of terrorism, and come away grateful for having spent that time together."

[bottom left] Irene Sankoff and her husband/partner David Hein wrote parts of their blockbuster stage production *Come From Away* in Irene's father Rocky Sankoff's basement in Ballantrae [bottom right].



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TWO-SPORT SAWYER TURNING HEADS IN TRACK COMMUNITY

Stouffville girl, 10, won her first-ever road race – defeating 1,400 women

Talk about rocking your debut.

Sawyer Nicholson, a 10-year-old from south Stouffville, won her first-ever road race at the Toronto Zoo this fall.

The first 'woman' to cross the finish line won the 5K in 19 minutes and 25 seconds. She finished ahead of 1,400 other female runners and most of the male competitors – she was 10th overall – at the Oasis ZooRun.

"I thought I had a bit of a chance at winning my age group," Sawyer told OTR. "But I never imagined winning the whole race, especially with that many women running."

The zoo victory was no flash in the pan. Sawyer also captured Athletics Ontario junior gold medals in the 600m and 1,000m this summer and won a 1K in a provincial meet-record time of 3:18.09.

Not bad for a kid who only jumped into the sport a little over a year ago.

"She's definitely a talented athlete, that's for sure," says her coach of the past 16 months, Zack Jones of Durham Dragons Athletics in Oshawa. "And it's even crazier because running isn't even her main sport. She's a soccer player first and a runner second. It's really impressive what she's been able to do so far."

Sawyer's dad, Levi, began running with his daughter two years ago while soccer was shut down during the pandemic. Father-daughter talks along the streets and trails of Stouffville were a bonus.

A former track athlete himself, dad knew something was up when he had to start riding his bike just to keep up.

Sawyer plays soccer – with players a year older – for Markham FC in Ontario's top competitive youth league. She trained and competed at soccer events in the United States last summer. When she wasn't on the track.



SportsTown

with JIM MASON



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"And she's tiny," her dad says with a laugh. "But she has heart and a mental focus that a lot of kids her age don't."

Indeed. In Oshawa, she trains with girls her age who look like they could be in high school, Coach Jones says. Meanwhile, 4-foot-4 Sawyer looks like she could be running with the Grade 3 kids. She's in Grade 6.

Sawyer has visions of an athletic scholarship and representing Canada at the Olympics.

But Coach Jones is realistic, noting Sawyer does not win all of her races even against competitors her own age.

"The most important thing over the next five or six years is that we continue to develop her, ensuring that she's having fun first and foremost and seeing how good she can get during her high school years leading up to university," he said. "Keeping things fun, keeping things age-appropriate and seeing the results that unfold."

Sawyer has outdoor and indoor competitions on the family calendar in Niagara Falls and Toronto this fall. Plus there's the cross-country season where Sawyer will compete with her classmates from Wendat Village Public School.

What keeps Sawyer training and competing?

"I like being on the podium and getting fast times," she said. "And everyone in running is super friendly."

Sawyer Nicholson with her mom and dad, Levi and Tracy Nicholson, and brother Archer.



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COUNCIL & PUBLIC PLANNING MEETINGS

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Upcoming Council Meetings:

- Wed. November 2 - 7 p.m.
- Wed. November 16 - 7 p.m.
- Wed. December 7 - 9 a.m.
- Wed. January 18, 2023 - 7 p.m.

Upcoming Public Meetings

- (if required):
- Wed. January 25, 2023 - 7 p.m.

Residents may watch the meeting live online at townofws.ca/cmlives-tream.

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Older Adult Winter programming (for ages 55+) is growing indoor program and fitness options for the new year. Register soon to enjoy seasonal workshops, baking classes, knitting and crocheting lessons, vocal music instruction, 55+ specialty yoga classes and a guided step-based fitness class, Stepping Together, both with a daytime and evening option. The winter may be cold, but the program options are heating up!

RECONCILIATION & ENGAGEMENT PUBLIC SESSION #2

Date: Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30 p.m.
Location: Lebovic Centre for Arts & Entertainment – Nineteen on the Park:
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If you'd like to participate in the public session please register at cometogetherws.ca/reconciliation

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RE-IMAGINE STOUFFVILLE: OFFICIAL PLAN REVIEW UPDATE

The Town is updating its Official Plan and is seeking your input on how we plan and manage growth over the next 30 years. The new Official Plan will contain policies that promote the building of healthy, complete and sustainable communities which further the growth and economic development of the community, help protect farmland, and protect environmentally sensitive areas for the Town.

A revised Draft of the Town's New Official Plan is anticipated to be available for public consultation in December 2022. The Town will be hosting both a virtual and in-person Public Open House to present and receive

your input on the new Official Plan. It is anticipated that the final Draft Official Plan will be brought forward to Council for adoption in early 2023.

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ROAD SAFETY & DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Saving Time comes to an end on Sunday November 6 at 2:00am. While getting that extra hour of sleep is most welcome, this one-hour time change may have some negative effects when it comes to road safety. When our sleep cycle is interrupted it can affect our health and make us more prone to accidents. Research has proven that there is a notable increase in traffic accidents when time shifts both in the spring and fall.

Drowsiness behind the wheel is one of the leading causes of traffic accidents. In fact, driving drowsy is just as dangerous as driving impaired. Drivers who miss only one to two hours of the recommended seven hours of sleep per night nearly double their risk of being involved in an accident. The risk of a crash depends on the number of hours sleep:

- Six to seven hours of sleep: 1.3 times the crash risk
- Five to six hours of sleep: 1.9 times the crash risk

- Four to five hours of sleep: 4.3 times the crash risk
- Less than four hours of sleep: 11.5 times the crash risk

Don't take the risk! Follow these tips to reduce accidents after the clocks change:

- Keep your regular sleep routine. Go to bed at the same time you normally would so you can benefit from that extra hour of sleep
- Don't over caffeinate. Hydrate with water and have a healthy breakfast
- Before setting off for the day, clean your headlights, and your brake and signal lights
- Give yourself plenty of time to get where you want to go
- Approach intersections and crosswalks with caution, as twilight nears it will be harder to see pedestrians and cyclists who may also be drowsy
- Watch your speed, drive defensively, and drive according to the weather conditions

- Maintain a safe following distance from other vehicles so you're prepared to react to any situation

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD CRASH VICTIMS

Every year, the third Wednesday of November is recognized as National Day of Remembrance for Road Crash Victims. It's a day to honour and remember those who lost their lives or have been seriously injured on Canadian roads. Remembering those affected by road crashes serves as a reminder to be a safe and responsible driver. It only takes a split second for lives to change forever as a result of a crash, but it only takes a moment to make the decision to drive safely.

Follow the rules of the road, your life and the lives of others depend on it.

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