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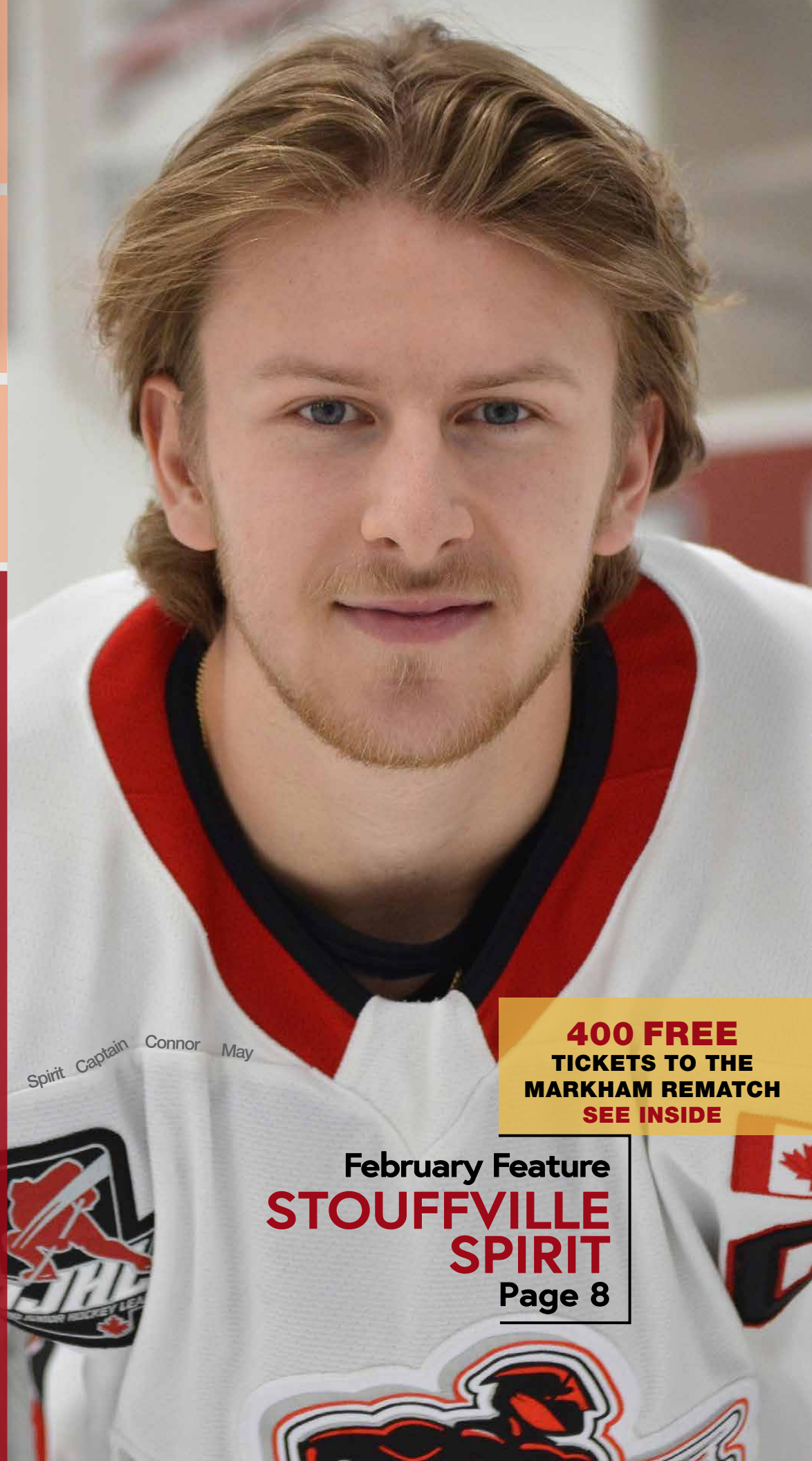
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Welcome to 2020. *On the Road in Whitchurch-Stouffville* (OTR) is the Monthly magazine of the Town. The purpose of it is to communicate with residents, promote local businesses, support agriculture, develop tourism and most importantly, build community.

Overwhelmingly, the February issue of OTR is about Community. From the family-friendly *Coldest Night of the Year* walk and *Community with Heart* event, to a Firehouse Subs cheque presentation and a feature article about the ABLE Network. Beyond these articles, you will find *Little Ways to Save the World*, a *Winter Hike in the Pangman-Porritt*, *Making the Best Off-Grid Coffee*, *Hot Real Estate*, and *Sky Cranes Everywhere*.

Then, we circle back again to the notion of community. The big feature is about the hometown hockey team, the Stouffville Spirit, and that community members are giving away 400 tickets to bolster attendance and support. Bruce Stapley writes about the growth of a small business, while Jim Mason writes about youth hockey championships, and Dave Mills tells the story of Michael Humphreys.

Finally, there are cooking classes, shows at the theatre, still life drawing, and community grant opportunities. This issue of OTR features 11 local businesses and 11 community partners. Seven of the pages qualify as Tourism, while five of the pages are dedicated to defraying costs (Advertising). Please give the Advertisements a discerning once over, as they support you receiving OTR free of charge, delivered to your mailbox. [i]

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Glenn Jackson, Contributor

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

GO Stations' Land Boundaries. As part of their Municipal Comprehensive Review, the Region of York has asked Whitchurch-Stouffville Council to endorse the boundaries for the Main Street Stouffville GO station and the new Lincolnville GO station's Major Transit Station Areas (MTSA).

MTSAs are areas around new and existing GO stations where intensification is higher than other nearby areas. It is the responsibility of York Region, in consultation with its municipalities, to create its boundaries and density targets.

At the January 21 meeting, Council endorsed a minimum population density of 150 persons per hectare, and 150 jobs per hectare for both transit areas.

They also endorsed the boundary of the Main Street GO station area. This area would extend up Edward Street to almost Millard Street, west to Albert Street on Main Street and all of downtown Stouffville to approximately Baker Street.

The Lincolnville GO area would extend from Bethesda Road on Tenth Line south to just north of Forsyth Farm Road.

These endorsements will now be forwarded to York Region for them to include in their Official Plan which is expected to be approved by the end of 2020.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Council is also asking the Region of York to include the Highway 48 Visioning Study (see OTR August 2019) and the Highway 404 Corridor be included in the Region's growth forecasts.

Huron-Wendat Indigenous Center. Whitchurch-Stouffville Council, on January 21, approved the extension of the Archaeology Alive! exhibit at the Museum until the construction of a new Jean-Baptiste Laine Interpretive Centre is built.

The exhibit was to close in June of this year; however, it will be refreshed with new artifacts from the Canadian Museum of History, the Wendake Museum and the



ABOVE: The Archaeology Alive! exhibit at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum has been extended until the time a new temporary Indigenous Interpretive Centre is built on Main Street. Whitchurch-Stouffville Council approved the funding of the new Centre in December and is expected to approve operating costs in February. The exhibit was to close in June, however it will be refreshed with new artifacts from the Canadian Museum of History and the Wendake Museum.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum throughout 2021 and 2022.

In December last year, Council approved \$150,000 towards renovating a property on Main Street to house a temporary Indigenous Interpretive Centre. Council will be asked for a further \$40,000 next month during operating budget deliberations for operating expenses.

Stouffer Street Bike Lanes Coming. Council approved new "urban paved shoulder cycling facility" or bike lanes, along Stouffer Street from Main Street to Lori Avenue, at the January 21 Council meeting.

Staff will also be installing traffic calming devices on Stouffer Street and will be adding the Stouffer Street and Thicketwood Boulevard neighbourhoods to the Road Watch Working Group for staff to monitor.

#H2otoGo Program Launched. Council on January 21, launched the new #H2otoGo campaign. The campaign will provide opportunities for the residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville to assist in environmental sustainability through the reduction of single-use plastic bottles.

The campaign will focus on educating the public about the locations of current water-bottle filling stations within our facilities. The Town will be selling reusable water bottles at both the Leisure Centre and the Municipal Offices for \$5 per bottle. [i]

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

Whitchurch-Stouffville will celebrate Family Day weekend with *Snowflakes and Starlight*, a *Winterfest*. Food trucks will be available to warm you up with your favourite comfort foods. Join us for this free family event and experience unique roving entertainers, DJ music, crafts, activities and winter fun. February 15, 6-8pm in Mem. Park. [PG 10]

On Friday, February 14 (Valentines Day) 11am-5pm, enjoy *High Tea with Pat & Friends*. [PG 13]

Don't miss *Crafty Duck* (Duck & Beers) at King Cole's Duck School March 2, or the W-S Legacy Fund Winter intake opportunity. [PG 10]

NEWSFLASH

Out of the Cold

Diane Ward, Contributor

I walked last year to raise funds for the 'Out of the Cold' program, and it was so much fun. We started at East Ridge and walked as far as we felt we could, remembering you have to return! Churches volunteered to give us



dinner when we finished and we celebrated working together. The walk gives the money to Whitchurch-Stouffville Restore Canada program.

If you Google York Region Out of the Cold, you will see something called Mosaic Out of the Cold; www.miotc.ca. It is a group of Churches, Mosques and Synagogues dedicated to keeping people warm and fed. Some churches partner with others to provide help, which is a bed and three meals every day of the week. York Region sponsors 80% of the needs, donations raise the other 20%. Perhaps you or an organization you are in might help.

At each site, they have many volunteers, a nurse and an addiction councillor. Years ago when I helped, we were not allowed to meet the guests, but now we are invited to attend a site and visit. I can't imagine being alone, we depend so much on friendships. This may be a part in which you can help, the sites are listed on the web site. There are 1,500 volunteers, they would love more. Fifty groups are now helping.

They offer at the sites, a haircut, showers, addiction counselling, birthday celebrations, games and movies. Each guest is made to feel they are part of a family and each is celebrated. There are no barriers, only rules for safety reasons, so lots of love is shared. Those of us in York Region do not see the needs of many, we do not see someone living on a sidewalk.

The needs are huge and there are many with nothing.

Many suffer mental illness, many have been beaten by society and feel they are useless, many suffer addictions and don't know how to get out. If you lose your job, it can be soul-destroying, it is easy to start drinking or drugs until all your money is used, then what?

There is the walk sponsored by Whitchurch-Stouffville's Restore Canada, on Feb. 22. We need sponsors and volunteers, all the money goes to helping those in WS who need our help. In our town, those who need help are not as visible, but there are many. Please contact a local church, Restore Canada or me if you wish to help.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR. The purpose is a family-friendly walk that raises money for charities serving hungry, homeless, and hurting people in our community. Registration at 4pm, Walk starts at 5pm. Walks are 2km or 5km. The fee depends on your age and whether you want to fundraise for a free toque: \$0, \$25, \$150. 34 days out: Stouffville had 22 walkers, 10 teams and 2 volunteers registered.

RESTORE CANADA
1-877-743-3413
info@cnoy.org
cnoy.org/location/stouffville

Community With Heart

Christina Assenza, Contributor

Christina, owner of Christina Cooks Catering, is hosting the 3rd annual Community with Heart Event at the Stouffville Legion, 150 Mostar Street, on March 2, from 3-8pm.

The event is 100% free and open to those of any age who are in need in our community. Guests will be able to enjoy a hot meal, free haircuts and will be able to take home items such as toiletries, clothes, toys, books, non-perishable food and much more. We have tons of incredible items to choose from.

There will be a Drive-Thru option, where guests can drive up to the front door, fill out a form of items they need and a volunteer will

fulfill the order and bring items right to their car.



There will also be a free shuttle service provided by Routes Connecting Communities that day for those in the Stouffville area who require a ride to and from the event.



All items from this event were donated by local businesses and residents of our amazing community. All items leftover from the event, are donated locally.

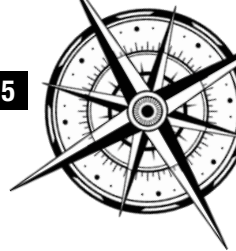
Community With Heart is seeking donations such as new baby items, toiletries, cleaning items, and non-perishable food items; contact is below.

COMMUNITY WITH HEART
christinacooks@rogers.com
facebook.com/groups/communitywithheart
March 2, 3-8pm
150 Mostar St., The Legion

ROUTES CONNECTING COMMUNITIES
For a ride, contact
905-722-4616

a WINTER HIKE

in the Pangman-Porritt
by David Tuley



A combination of Pangman Springs and Porritt Tract provides the perfect venue for a quick forest walk. Pangman Springs is one of two conservation areas in Whitchurch-Stouffville that is owned and managed by Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, while Porritt Tract is one of eleven W-S public forests owned and managed by York Regional Forest.

Located just north of Aurora Rd. & Kennedy Rd., both forests have formal parking areas, although Pangman's parking area is small and is easy to miss. Pangman is a straight trail, connecting Kennedy Rd. to the centre of loop trails inside Porritt.

It was a steel grey January day. The temperature was a mild -1 c. The dog and I drove passed the Pangman parking lot and had to circle back. The lot is at the bottom of a big hill on Kennedy. Pangman is less traveled - it was noon and there was only one set of human tracks in the fresh snow. Pangman is a double-track trail - not too wide or narrow. The trail is listed as "easy", but I was huffing by the time I climbed the first hill, which rose about 50 feet before leveling off.

In the distance, trains can be heard traveling from Toronto to Huntsville and beyond. The trail has boardwalk sections over wetlands and a wide, sandy bottomed, clear water creek. This unnamed creek eventually meets up with the main branch East Holland River in Newmarket.

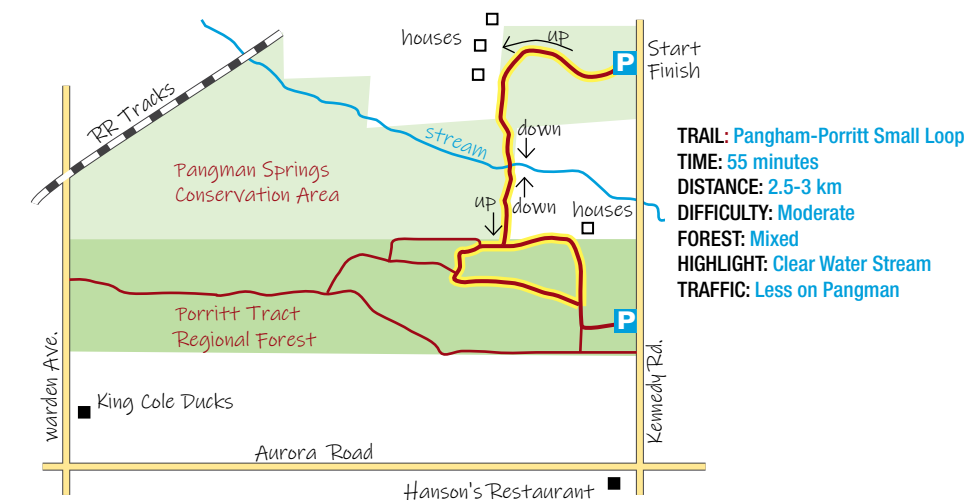
The Pangman trail intersects with trails in the Porritt Tract with little fanfare - not even a sign to state that you have crossed a border. I had some maps on my phone, but I didn't bother the check, as I knew I was making a counter clock lollipop shape, with Pangman being the stick and Porritt offering the loop.

Several trails peeled off to the right, one presumably leading all the way to Warden Ave. Porritt attracts more hikers, as there were many tracks in the snow, including a cross country skier. The trails here are quite wide and the slopes more gentle.

After completing the short loop on Porritt, the Pangman trail could be clearly seen descending to a boardwalk. The walk back, being mostly downhill, was much faster. I was back in the parking lot before a whole hour had elapsed - 55 minutes to be exact.

Both forests alternated between hardwoods and evergreen trees. The only evidence I saw of "wildlife" was squirrel footprints in the snow. As for humans, a few backyards could be seen along Pangman, and a couple in Porritt; otherwise, it was quiet.

The location of these trails is ideal, being a two-minute drive from Hanson's Restaurant for unwinding with Chinese and Italian food. It is also within a kilometer of King Cole Ducks to the west, or a couple of kilometers from the Joyous Light Candles store at Holy Theotokos Convent to the east. (1)



PHOTOS from the top: (1) Trail entrance to Pangman Springs Conservation Area. (2) Pools of snow melt along the the trail edge. (3) Lone footprints in the snow displays the total traffic this day. (4) Boardwalk over a branch of the East Holland River. (5) The wider trails of Porritt Tract where another hiker is spotted in the distance.

MAKING THE BEST OFF-GRID COFFEE

Velvet Sunrise celebrates all of the intricate details that affect the fragrance, the flavour, and the freshness of coffee. Obsessing over the precision of every coffee they source, roast, brew, and serve, Mark & the team at Velvet Sunrise want to deliver to you the best cup of coffee you've ever had - even if you are camping off-grid. Everything comes at a price. A day in the great outdoors ...priceless.

VELVET SUNRISE COFFEE ROASTERS

8-100 Ringwood Drive

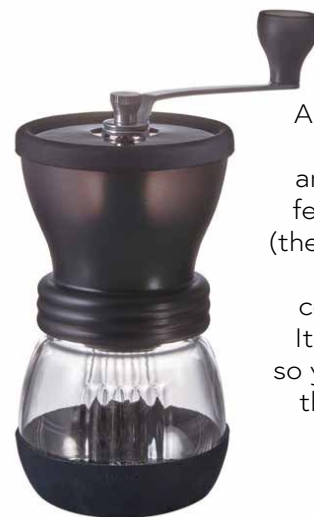
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HARIO SKERTON HAND GRINDER

A hand grinder is an essential part of any wireless coffee travel kit, and Skerton's is one of the best. It features a ceramic conical burr set (the part that grinds the coffee) and a sturdy handle, which gives you consistently sized coffee grounds. It's simple to adjust the grind size, so you can brew your coffee exactly the way you like it. With Skerton's you can enjoy the comfort of a home brew even when you're far from home, and protect yourself from the evils of instant coffee.

\$55



VELVET SUNRISE GUATEMALA EL RINCON

El Rincon sits in the corner of a valley of limestone hills, and so is protected from warm, dry winds and climate fluctuations. The climate is very stable with high relative humidity, which, along with the chalky soils of Huehuetenango define the cup character of this farm. Simple and warming, this Guatemalan sweetly balances jasmine and clove notes with cocoa nib and dried cherries. Super clean and fruity, notes of toast and pear play with vanilla and dark chocolate. A balanced cup, it offers a long, sweet finish reminiscent of raspberry chocolates.

\$17

WHERE BUSINESS MEETS COMMUNITY

Firehouse Subs presents cheque to Fire Department

by Nicole Fletcher, David Tuley & Warren Luong

Stouffville Firehouse Subs had a visit from Fire Chief Bill Snowball and members of his team on January 14. Luckily for the local franchisees – Huan Dang, Warren Luong, and Uyen Tran – it was for a grant presentation, rather than a fire.

Stouffville Fire Department received a grant for \$33,679 from Firehouse Subs. The money will fund a digital fire extinguisher training system. The system will allow the department to train firefighting techniques within the fire station and will be incorporated into public education initiatives, benefiting the community.

In 2015, the company opened its first Firehouse Subs restaurant in Canada, and the registered charity, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada, was born. Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada has granted more than \$847,000 to hometown heroes in Canada.

Franchisee Warren Luong was an Auto mechanic for 25 years but had to retire due to a shoulder injury. His friend Huan and Mey Ngo, which are now his partners, brought him and his wife to try Firehouse Subs for the very first time, they were hooked to the great tasting subs, outstanding restaurant atmosphere and exceptional customer service.

After learning how the foundation gives back to the community, they decided to buy-in. They opened their first location in Markham in 2018. When George Hero and Alex Gerzon (the Canadian Firehouse Reps) said there is a location opportunity at Whitechurch-Stouffville, Huan and Warren went to visit the Town of Stouffville. They saw that the city is growing rapidly as a community with different multicultural and a lot business development.

"We wanted to be a part of the growing community and great business opportunity which lead us to choose Stouffville to be our second location. April 29, 2019, Firehouse Subs Stouffville officially open to the community with an overwhelming turn out on the opening day. Just under one year of our opening, the local Fire and Emergency Service department was approved \$33000 to buy lifesaving equipment thanks to the generosity of the community," concluded Warren. [1]



Mayor Lovatt, Fire Chief Bill Snowball with members of his team, and Firehouse franchise owners Huan Dang & Warren Luong

LOCAL SPIRIT

Gearing Up for the Markham Re-Match

by David Tuley



During a warm winter day on January 9, the Stouffville Spirit geared up for a home game against the Markham Royals. The Spirit was still smarting from an overtime loss to the Royals six days prior (5-4). It hadn't been a good loss, as Markham and Aurora are tending toward the bottom of the ranks in the North Division of the Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL).

The North Division is one of the toughest. In addition to Markham and Aurora, there is Collingwood and Pickering. If the Spirit can survive their own division, they will be up against teams like Trenton and Wellington in the East, Oakville in the West, and St. Michael's in the South. The going gets hard. Since 1995, the Spirit has only won the league title once, in the 2011-2012 season.

The 2011-12 season was magnificent, with Stouffville knocking off Aurora, Newmarket, and Georgetown in the playoffs and finally

doused Whitby for the title. Every game during the playoffs in Stouffville had been sold out, standing room only – 1,000 fans strong. For that season, Stouffville gathered the lion's share of League Individual Awards – Lead Scorer, Top Defeneman, MVP, Fan Favourite, and Executive of the Year.

For this day, January 9, 2020, the Spirit got off to a bad start. In the first period, Stouffville was down 2-0. The second period started no better, with the Royals picking up another goal. Spirit Captain Connor May missed a penalty shot, yet Charlie Jeans of the Spirit slipped in a goal; 3-1. Thoughts about a comeback were dashed by the end of the second period, with Markham leading 4-1.

At the beginning of the 3rd, Markham caught another goal making it 5-1. Anthony Lamanna managed to edge the Spirit forward, 5-2. Then nothing from either team for 10 long minutes, it was a stalemate. Some dispirited

Spirit fans began to exit. But, after some 11 penalties between both, the greatest two-and-a-half minutes of hockey arrived. The Spirit scored at minute 17:47 (Stavrou), and at 19:39 (Strickland), and again at 19:51 (Strickland). The Markham team looked stunned as the clock ran out with a 5-5 tie. They had blown a strong lead.

Overtime didn't last long. Spirit player Jamie Mazomenos clinched the 6-5 victory early at 1:45. The Spirit team piled up against the glass in a giant winning embrace. "Those are the moments you look back on and remember," said Connor May. "It was a bonding moment, and it was awesome!"

At 19, Connor is tall and slender. He has played with the Spirit for three seasons. This is last season with the Spirit and OJHL, as he will time-out at age 20. Connor first played minor hockey for a Stouffville Clippers tyke team coached by his father, Daryl, before



Action photos by Andy Corneau / OJHL Images

moving to Bradford. He started Junior play in 2016-17 with the Junior C Schomberg Cougars. Connor led the club with 24 goals and 44 points, and then joined the Stouffville Spirit in the 2017-18 season.

"We are a young team," said Connor. "We are physical, fast and have a good work ethic. The guys are excited to come. We are having success – just this October we surpassed the total number of wins we had all season last year," added Connor.

These young men seem to play harder and move faster than NHLers. There may be good reasons for this, as they have too much to lose. Don't think that they are getting paid. Instead, they have made an investment. The OJHL adopted a pay-to-play model a few seasons ago with players paying up to \$6,500 per season. In some respects, the pay-to-play model helps to make OJHL teams more financially viable, but barely as it turns out - most returns, if any, are meager. Last spring the owners of the Newmarket Hurricanes gave up, sold the team, which was then moved to Milton under a new name, ending a tradition that had lasted decades. The former owner told BarrieToday, "The short answer is because Newmarket doesn't care about junior hockey. We did everything we possibly could to build support for the team... We had the lowest amount of fans out in the playoffs."

Beyond team viability and pay-to-play models, "A player can get traded, not only within the league, but to another part of the country. So, a teenager playing in the OJHL in Toronto can find himself traded to French River, or even La Ronge, Sask. If he turns down the trade, he receives a rebate on his payment, but basically has nowhere to play," wrote Ken Campbell in Hockey News early last year.

The Stouffville junior hockey club dates back to 1995, but longevity, volunteers, and sponsorships from local businesses do not make the team recession proof forever. The surest way to keep the team is to support it.

Here is the value proposition: The Spirit

games are totally affordable - it's hard for a family of four to spend more than \$35 total (including concessions). No Toronto driving is required, and parking is free. There's even a warm room viewing area available at one end of the ice, within feet of the goalie. If you are lucky, you will get a chance to watch a future NHLer while he is young and hungry.

Rallying behind the Spirit for the Markham Re-Match seemed natural. There are only a few games left in the regular season, and this game is sure to be interesting. With enthusiasm, OTR Editor David Tuley reached out to various connections to investigate a ticket giveaway, one of them being Dave Mills - he's the writer behind *Giving Back*, right?

Dave tapped his network to find that commercial folks were fatigued - a slow January and a lot of end-of-year philanthropy has left them tight. He decided to give back personally. The Spirit did their part by offering tickets at a very approachable wholesale price.

"I love hockey and especially local hockey. I have had a number of friends whose sons and daughters have played local hockey and I loved going to the games, it brought me a sense of community," said Mills. "Also I thought this would be a good way to get more people, new people to come out to the game and support the team and hopefully keep them coming out regularly. I have always been amazed by the way sports teams in the USA are unconditionally supported by their community and I've always thought that would be such a great thing for Stouffville. If this helps then I am glad to be a part of it," he added.

"It was the same with me," said David Tuley, "I work here and make every effort to re-invest in the community. Dave and I will share the cost." For the February 13 Re-Match game with Markham 400 free tickets are available. Show up with spirit, the young men need your support. **U**

Stouffville Spirit
stouffvillespirit.pointstreaksites.com
facebook.com/StouffvilleSpiritHockey/

400 FREE TICKETS

Stouffville Spirit vs. Markham Royals

February 13, 7:30pm, Families Welcome

Re-match game

While supplies last, limit 4 per family, please use what you gather

OPTIONS FOR PICK-UP: Red Bulb Espresso Bar, Schell Lumber, Town Hall Customer Service, Leisure Centre Reception Desk, or go to www.stouffville.com/freetickets for drop off anywhere in Stouffville.

Snowflakes & Starlight WINTERFEST

Whitchurch-Stouffville will celebrate Family Day weekend with Snowflakes and Starlight, a Winterfest. This fire and ice themed affair will showcase these polar opposites with fire clouds from professional fire-eaters hovering over glittering ice sculptures. Bring the whole family to see daring performers entertain the crowd and liven up those winter blues. No need to cook dinner as food trucks will be available to warm you up with your favourite comfort foods. Join us for this free family event and experience unique roving entertainers, DJ music, crafts, activities and winter fun. We hope to see you there!

SNOWFLAKES & STARLIGHT
February 15, 6-8pm
at Memorial Park
Fireworks begin at 8pm
townofws.ca/specialevents
905-640-1910 ext. 2459

Millennial MATTERS

with CASSANDRA PAPAS



Long winded prose most definitely has a place, but is that place in the past? keep up to date with most contentious generations news as part of this new #otr feature that will consist of lists and succinct information for those busy millennials.

LITTLE WAYS TO SAVE THE WORLD

"Go big or go home" is often a phrase used to encourage people to make colossal changes. While large adjustments to the average person's lifestyle would make large scale changes to the environmental crisis, even the small changes make a difference. Here are some of the easiest ways to change the world. NBD.

Educate Yourself

Do you get all your information from Facebook? Dive a little deeper and do some reading on the science behind our environmental crisis. I promise, you'll learn some really cool things that you wouldn't learn on Facebook and you can impress everyone Monday morning around the water-cooler.

Re-Use

We all know the 3 R's - Reduce, Re-use and Recycle. Often re-use is seen as donating and buying used items but how often do you think of ways to re-purpose your items? Can that candle jar be re-used as a cotton swab holder? It can, and Pinterest has about a thousand ways to do it.

Shop Smart

Buying goods from a local store like a Main St. boutique not only helps support your community but also reduces fuel use and pollution. Also do some research

into purchasing ethical and sustainable items. That will empower the fair trade movement as well as help the decline of "Fast Fashion". In case you didn't know Fast Fashion refers to retailers' that produce cheap clothing quickly and frequently. Since the prices on these items are so low, they encourage consumers to buy more without thinking too much about their purchases - which frequently end up in the trash.

Recycle Responsibly

Recycling diverts waste from landfill, conserves resources, saves energy, feeds a green economy, and contributes to a healthy Ontario. But honestly, it's a little confusing to know what can and can't be recycled. Coffee cups? Straws? Batteries?

There's a lot to learn but it's important to know what goes where and to ensure your household is sorting properly. To learn which items you can leave out for curbside pickup, and how to dispose of those you can't, visit townofws.ca/recycle to check out the easy-to-use search tool.

Eat Green

How does going vegan sound? Terrible? Restrictive? Can't give up nachos? I get it. But it doesn't have to be that bad! These days there are many great vegan options for at home cooking and restaurants eating green has never been tastier. Switching to a vegan diet reduces your "ecological footprint," but even cutting out meat to only once or twice a week can make a massive difference. Be conscious of your choices and those veggie burgers are as good as the real things. Just try it.

Ditch Single Use Plastics

While this isn't always easy it is very possible. Start with water - grab a reusable water bottle and keep disposable water bottles out of landfills. The Town recently launched a new program called #H2otoGo and it promotes all the water filling stations in town facilities. You can also pick up a water bottle at some town facilities for only \$5! With water filling stations everywhere there's no excuse. Once you've gotten the hang of that try bringing reusable containers/jars to bulk food stores. [\[1\]](#)

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COOKING

THE LOFT @ LONGO'S

longos.com/cooking-classes

Feb. 18 - Asian Noodle Bowls (interactive), 6:30pm, \$40
Feb. 19 - Parent & Tot - I Love Pizza (interactive), 10am \$15
Feb. 22 - Parent & Child - Pizza & Flatbread (interactive), 11:30am, \$20
Feb. 24 - Teens - Flatbreads, Better than Pizza (interactive), 6pm, \$15
Feb. 27 - Classic Sunday Supper (demonstration), 6:30pm, \$35

VELVET SUNRISE

facebook.com/velvetsunrisecoffee

Feb. 23 - Home Brewing w/Mark Hayward 10am-2pm, \$45. Sign up in store or Facebook.

DUCK SCHOOL AT KING COLE DUCKS

kingcoleducks.com/duck-school

Mar. 2 - Crafty Duck (Duck & Beers) Dinner, lesson and a duck goodie bag 7-9pm, \$75

LEARNING

LATCHAM ART CENTRE

latchamgallery.ca

Feb. 15 - Still Life Drawing
A still life will be set up for participants to draw from using a variety of materials. All ages. 11am-2pm, \$0 - donations accepted.

MAYOR FOR THE DAY CONTEST

www.townofws.ca/mayor4theday

Students in Grades 5-7 at schools within Whitchurch-Stouffville are invited to submit either an essay or a video articulating their best ideas on how to make WS an even better place to live. Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, Feb. 18 and the lucky winner will be spending the day at Town Hall as Mayor for the Day on Tuesday, March 3. This coveted title also comes with a school pick-up in a fire truck, a tour of several Town facilities with Mayor Lovatt and dinner with Mayor and Council before kicking off the 7pm Council meeting from the Mayor's seat.

BEING

19 ON THE PARK

19onthepark.ca

Feb. 22 - "Perk up! Pianist"
Sarah Hagen transforms her award-winning role as "concert pianist" into a stand-up, or rather, sit-down comedy. Pairing anecdotes with music. 8pm, \$37.

Mar. 7- "Yuk Yuks on Tour!"
Three talented comics from Yuk Yuks on Tour! stand-up before you, right here in Stouffville. 8pm, \$28. A 19+ event.

WS LEGACY FUND NOW ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS

www.wslegacyfund.com

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Legacy Fund now has the Winter intake applications available online at www.wslegacyfund.com. In the first round, a total of \$69,970 was given out to 13 different programs & events.



MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS WITH ABLE NETWORK

by Lindsay Moore & David Tuley

"We have seen tremendous growth in our participants since we opened in September 2018. One participant in particular had never taken public transit independently, but now he travels by himself all over Stouffville to his volunteer placements at in2one Community Church, Parkview Home Long Term Care, and Care & Share Thrift Shop," said Lindsay Moore, Program Manager for at the Stouffville location of the ABLE Network.

"He's come so far in a short time, he's really come out of his shell," she added. "These are local people with intellectual disabilities - we're helping to bring out their potential, and they are contributing back to their community."

"The next step is finding him a paid work placement," added Meghan Reynolds, Program Facilitator, also at the Stouffville location.

"We develop jobs through something called Job Carving. We work together with community partners to identify tasks that play to the strengths of our participants and can free up the other organization's staff to focus on more specialized tasks," explained Lindsay.

The ABLE Network's Stouffville location operates out of an office in the Town-owned Latcham Hall. The ABLE Network is a fee for service, registered charity located in Aurora, Richmond Hill and Stouffville. ABLE is a community-based program that provides relevant inclusive work and recreation opportunities for young adults with Intellectual Disabilities (ID) in natural job and community settings.

The participants are supported in five core-areas: Work Experience, Travel & Safety Training, Recreation, Continuing Education, and Community Service. The ABLE Network

is based on strong principles and research that states that the inclusion of persons with an ID in natural settings provides them with an equal opportunity to contribute to the health and well-being of their community.

"Right now, our participants are at Walmart shopping for groceries that they will use to cook with tomorrow, and one participant is at his paid work placement at Tim Hortons on Main St.," stated Meghan. "While some activities are done as a group, everyone has an individualized program schedule based on their strengths, goals and interests, with an ultimate goal of building independence," adds Lindsay.

Lindsay, a Newmarket native, volunteered with ABLE in Aurora. She was hired as the "second staff" in 2009. She helped open the Richmond Hill location in 2015, and then Stouffville in 2018. You wouldn't guess that she has a BFA from York University and a Masters in Opera Performance from UBC.

"Stouffville is a wonderful community; the outpouring of support has been fantastic. We're really lucky!" said Lindsay.

Meghan started with ABLE in Richmond Hill in 2016. She has worked at the Stouffville location since the beginning as well. Meghan is from Aurora and attended Oakland University in Michigan for a pair of degrees - BA in Sociology and an MA in Mental Health Counselling.

The program welcomes young adults with a variety of Intellectual Disabilities who have a goal of increasing independence and meaningful participation within their local community. Half the service is funded by a fee, while the other half is fundraised. Much of the local fundraising comes generously from

Stouffville Home for Christmas House Tour, which is an annual two-day event which takes place the first weekend in November. In 2019, ABLE received an additional donation from 100 Women Who Care - Stouffville.

It was Pat Montgomery of Candlelight and Memories in Downtown Stouffville that recently shined a light on the ABLE Network. Last year Pat started a new tradition - High Tea with Pat & Friends. Pat has always served tea in her shop, but last year she formalized it. While talking about the event, Pat shined when she spoke about a regular customer and friend that is a participant at the ABLE Network.

"She's here every week for tea. Sometimes she brings her friends. I heard about their volunteering and offered them another opportunity to serve tea. They were enthusiastic," says Pat. "She came to the tea all decked out - new dress and gloves. We made special aprons for them. In return, we rewarded them with a new mug full of goodies, and tea customers gave them tips," said Pat.

"It was also her birthday, so everyone there came together for the cake. Everyone sang and it was lovely - and really, having the opportunity to interact with them was the best part of all," added Pat. [1]

ABLE NETWORK
8 Park Drive South, 416-528-8375
theablenetwork.ca/whitchurch-stouffville.html

HIGH TEA WITH PAT & FRIENDS

Friday, February 14 (Valentines Day)
11am-5pm, Reservations Req.
905-642-4940, \$20 each





CRANES EVERYWHERE

a Growing Phenomenon in Stouffville

Not far behind the photographed ground breaking, or after a special Council or public meeting is held on a development topic, than we see a sky crane erected. In late January, as many as 5 could be seen in the skies of Stouffville. Two medium sized cranes are involved with the Mon Sheong Foundation project on Sandiford (above), while two large cranes are busy nearby on Mostar behind Longo's (for Bloom Retirement, top) and another has popped up at a Ninth Line condo project, just north of Reeves Way (right).



HOT REAL ESTATE

New Business Condos are Sure to be a Hit



A new business complex is being developed by Krest Developments at 190 & 200 Mostar Street, Stouffville. The development consists of two buildings with 30 units. The project is located at the north-west corner of Hoover Park and Mostar Street. The construction is well underway with completion in the Spring of 2020.

"We are excited to have a part in the development of the wonderful Stouffville community. We want to provide a building that buyers and tenants can be proud of for many years to come. It is attractively designed and built with materials which had higher construction cost but we take pride in building high-quality attractive buildings which are designed for the long term," said Eliezer Yosipovich, President of Krest Developments.

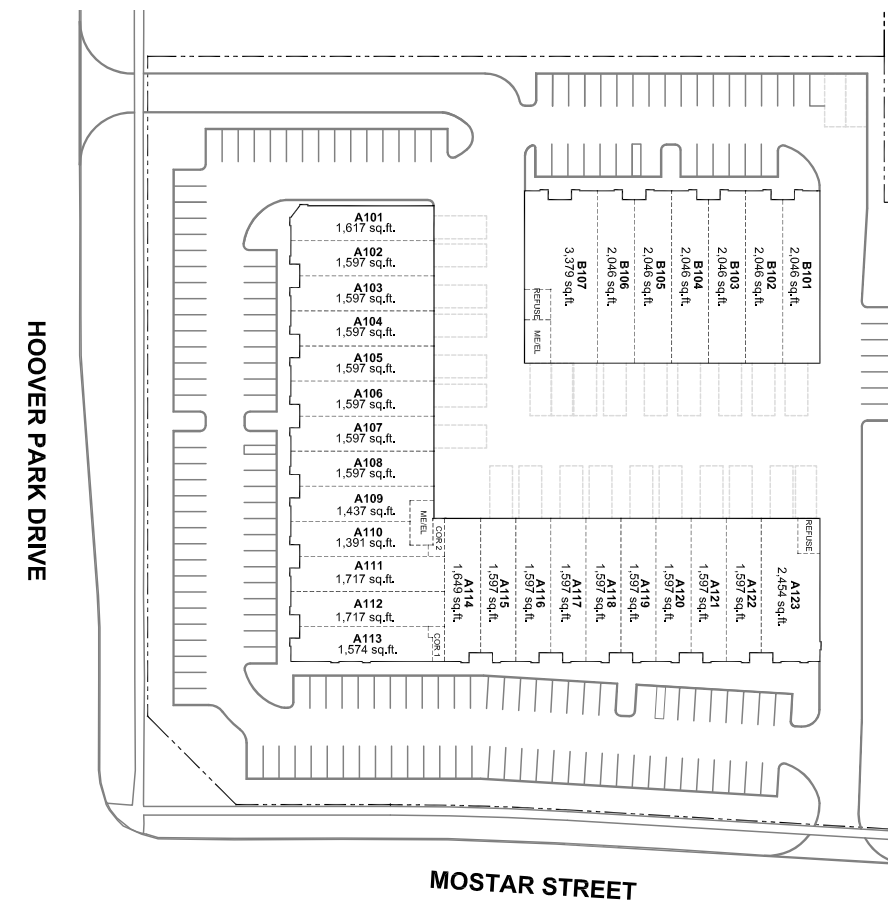
There has been much interest from both business owners residing close to Stouffville who do not want to spend their time commuting daily in rush hour traffic and also from the northern communities such as Markham and Richmond Hill since their commute into Stouffville will be opposite to rush hour traffic. The project is priced lower than new buildings in other GTA communities and this has also been a draw.

The development features high visibility due to its corner location and most units have street frontage. It is constructed with attractive and durable architectural pre-cast concrete. The building architecture and reflective glass panels have resulted in a prestigious building.

The project is located next to four schools, Soccer City, and two retirement residences under construction, being Bloom Retirement Community Centre and Mon Sheong Seniors Home.

There are currently opportunities for either purchasing or leasing units 1,600 sq ft and up. [i]

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From WHERE I LIVE

with BRUCE STAPLEY



'Candle in the Window' the Spark for Pat Montgomery's Gift Shop

According to Pat Montgomery, the theme of her Downtown Stouffville gift shop and tea room that started 18 years ago with a hug and a handshake came from a poem, with the store's direction reflecting her assortment of career and volunteer endeavours.

Her Candlelight and Memories Fine Gifts and Tea Room was inspired by a poem she stumbled across called Candle in the Window, which concludes as follows:

*And even now as I tread along,
Sometimes weak but sometimes strong,
Ever conscious of that glow,
From the candle in life's window.*

"That poem symbolized the idea of the store," recalls Pat. "I wanted it to be a welcoming place, the light in the window."

Eighteen years later, her labour of love has generated a huge following of regular customers, many of whom have become friends. They come into the shop to soak up the cozy ambience, purchase that special gift, or enjoy tea and a scone with friends. "The best part of this business is the people I have met," says Pat, pointing to a guest book she once maintained that includes entries from people from around the world, in various languages.

Pat recalls fondly what led to her opening her delightful Candlelight and Memories Fine Gifts and Tea Room in a refurbished century home on Main Street late in 2001. "I had opened a craft store in an empty office at Alsop Insurance (in Downtown Stouffville) as a fundraiser for the Stouffville Christian School. I sort of headed it up, I would go to

suppliers to get product and all the parents took turns volunteering at the store."

When her 'office' was eventually needed for Alsop personnel, Pat caught wind of a building for sale next to the GO Station that had once been the site of a craft shop. "I remember we went up and peeked through the windows just imagining what we could do with this building. So, I got this dream, if only I could get this building, not as a fundraiser, but as my own gift shop."

Pat and her late husband John met with the building's owners, had a look inside and immediately fell in love. "It was done with a hug and a handshake, nothing in writing," Pat recalls of the initial transaction.

She set about stocking the store with a line up of original gift items and crafts, using the experience she gained at the Christian School fundraiser while also drawing upon the years



shortly after moving to Stouffville in 1976 when she was part of a group of stay at home moms who would get together to make crafts, with Pat eventually organizing an annual craft show and sale.

Her 15 years as a volunteer assisting seniors through CHATS (Community Home Assistance to Seniors) in the 1980s was partly what led her to include the tea room to provide a venue for seniors to meet for a social outing. "Working with seniors, when I opened the tea room I was hoping this would be a tranquil, nice gathering place for seniors, as well as

other people."

Having taught school for six years in North York, Pat didn't want to leave out the little ones. "Because of the teaching thing, I wanted to do something with the kids, so that's why I do the dress-up birthday tea parties upstairs."

Pat's previous work experience also included a part-time job at a Downtown Stouffville flower shop back in the 1980s, leading her to sign on with the Markham Fair Flower Committee in the mid-90s. The skills she acquired arranging flowers would also be put to good use in her new shop. "When I first opened Kim Everson (who currently owns Stouffville Florist) told me to think of the store as one big floral arrangement because you are always rearranging shelves, you are still arranging, not with flowers but with everything."

"So, this store is the culmination of all my careers," concludes Pat.

Never having run her own business, Pat learned early on that as a business owner your work is never done. She recalls the words of advice given her by long-time Stouffville jewellery store operator David Barthau. "David told me when you open your own business it's not a five day a week, nine to five operation. And he was right. It's weekends, it's nights, you have to be ready for that."

Her efforts have been rewarded, not only by her throng of loyal customers but with two awards bestowed upon her by the Stouffville Chamber of Commerce for Entrepreneur of the Year in 2006 and Small Business of the Year in 2011.

When asked if she has an exit plan with regards to the shop, Pat says she hasn't given it much thought. "It's part of my life. Until the morning I wake up and say 'Oh do I have to go to that place again,' I'll be here." [1]

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Ontario Championships

It's their Stanley Cup.

Those neighbourhood kids firing pucks in driveways and loading family SUVs with hockey bags are shooting for provincial and area championships. It's a big deal. And a rite of winter and spring here in Whitchurch-Stouffville. Just check out those rows of championship banners jammed above the town's four ice pads.

Thirteen Clipper rep teams from the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association began their Ontario Minor Hockey Association playdowns last month. It's a grueling schedule of back-to-back, best-of-three and first-to-six-point series that can include chartered bus trips and weekend hotel stays.

The championship series will be played in late March. Several hundred fans attended OMHA finals games in Stouffville in recent years. The OMHA includes more than 100,000 players in 225 local hockey associations across much of Southern Ontario, excluding Toronto.

"The road to an OMHA title is long and arduous – perhaps the most challenging journey in youth sports," said Don Easter, past president of the WSMHA. "For those few fortunate enough to complete the journey and emerge as champions, it is unquestionably an accomplishment that will stay with them the rest of their lives."

Easter knows. The Goodwood resident, whose minor hockey credentials include coaching NHL all-star Steven Stamkos and coaching in Australia, led two Stouffville



Avery Atkinson, 10, will be shooting for an Ontario hockey championship with her Stouffville-Markham Stars girls team. Her brother, Cooper, 12, will be doing the same with his Stouffville Clippers squad.

teams to OMHA championships.

OMHA champions in the atom, peewee, bantam and midget divisions advance to Ontario Hockey Federation – the truer 'All-Ontario' – championship tournaments every April. Stouffville has hosted three of the events, which include champs from other jurisdictions, including Toronto and northern and southwestern Ontario.

OMHA champs also march in a banner-waving parade of champions at the OMHA annual meeting in Richmond Hill every June.

WSMHA teams have won 23 OMHA championships and two OHF championships (Juvenile AAA in 1999 and Peewee A in 2002). The first OMHA title trophy – Juvenile B – was hoisted in 1970. Wayne Emmerson, the chairman and CEO of York Region who was Whitchurch-Stouffville's mayor for 17 years, was on that team.

The most recent OMHA banner was raised for the Novice AA's in 2013. The WSMHA includes 900 house league and rep team players – including 26 girls – plus 320 volunteers, including coaches, managers, convenors and board members.

Alumni include current Anaheim Ducks players Sam Carrick and Michael Del Zotto, Toronto Maple Leafs assistant general manager Brandon Pridham and retired NHLers Keith Acton and Brad May.

Teams eliminated from the OMHAs move to the area York Simcoe Minor Hockey League playdowns.

It's a different journey to a similar destination for 13 rep teams in the Stouffville-Markham Stars Girls Hockey Association. Their provincials are the Ontario Women's Hockey Association championships. Teams have to qualify from respective zones for the annual weekend tournament, being held April 2-5 this year in rinks in the GTA.

"No offence to the provincials, but what's likely tougher to win is a Lower Lakes Female Hockey League champion," said Stouffville-Markham president John Wilson.

The loop includes associations from Buffalo to Kingston and north to Sudbury. Like the OMHAs, it takes a series of series wins to capture a championship. The then Whitchurch-Stouffville Girls Hockey Association was founded out of the old Stouffville Arena (Park Drive, across from Latcham Hall) in 1977. Now encompassing Markham, too, the organization is home to almost 500 players on rep, house league and development stream teams. Approximately 170 volunteers, including 13 people on its board, make the organization go.

Esteemed alumni are headed by Gillian Apps, who won Olympic gold for Canada three times. She's now assistant coach of the women's team at Boston College. [1]

For playoff updates go to:

OMHA Playdowns
W-S Minor Hockey
OWHA Provincials
S-M Girls Hockey

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Giving BACK

with DAVE MILLS



Michael Humphreys

It always amazes me how many people there are that give back in our community that simply go under the radar. People that volunteer their time to make a difference in their community. It brings me great satisfaction to bring these stories to you in hopes that we can inspire more people to do the same. One of those people is Mike Humphreys. As much as he is not under the radar and a lot of people know him, there is more to Mike than just hockey.

I sat with Mike and had a conversation over coffee in early January. I learned that Mike strongly believes it is better to give back than to receive and Mike has done his fair share of giving back. From being an integral part of Stouffville hockey to volunteering his time with Big Sisters of York Region where he received Volunteer of the year in 2002. Mike has given his time to many community initiatives, it's a long list that is far too long to fit in this article.

I asked Mike if he remembers when he started volunteering his time. Mike recalls a time when he was around 9 years old and just wanted to help out at the local hockey rink. The coach at the time gave Mike the opportunity and Mike found himself helping out at practices picking up pucks, putting out pylons and whatever else the coach asked him to do. I would guess this is where Mike's passion for hockey began.

His first coaching gig was with the Hillcrest Minor Hockey Association 38 years ago. Mike has dedicated his free time to Stouffville hockey from coaching to administration, he has been involved with the Markham Stouffville Hockey Association, Stouffville Spirit Jr. A

Hockey Club and Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association, Mite, Novice A, Pee wee AE, Bantam AE, Pee wee House League, Midget AA and the list goes on. For all of Mike's great work, he received Sports person of the Year in 2009.

Growing up, his Mother Mary and Father Richard were big influences on Mike, "They have always been a positive influence," he said. "I've always wanted to help and see others succeed, it's rewarding to see others succeed to the next level" His Dad instilled in Mike to be positive, to find the good in people and always find ways to make things better no matter the obstacles. Mike's Mom was influential in teaching Mike about commitment, something that Mike feels very strongly about and has passed this important life lesson on to both his daughters.

Mike is not only involved in hockey he is also on the 19 on the Park working group, Co-Chair of the Mayors Golf Tournament and he has been involved in and supported numerous charities and organizations like Big Sisters of York, MS Society, Heart and Stroke, Canadian Cancer Society, Whistle Radio, Bereaved Families - York Region, Kids First Fund and co-founded the Tipperary Care Fund in 2018 with Lorrie Ramsay, owner of the Tipperary Taphouse. The Tipperary Care Fund assists

children and young adults who for financial reasons are not able to take part in extracurricular activities such as music, dance, the arts, song, gymnastics, martial arts, crafts and swimming just to name a few. They believe activities like these are often overlooked and forgotten due to the power of big sport and they want to help change this dynamic.

And just when you would think wow, Mike has done a lot for his community there is still more, Mike has also run for Whitchurch-Stouffville Council - Mike understands the challenges life can bring and the need for communities to support their residents by offering services and support through facilities, programs and organizations that make a difference. "Family has always been a focus in our lives, and we include the community of Stouffville as a part of our extended family." Mike's career in the Office Furniture Business was influenced by his community in 1970. It was through helping a neighbour he found a mentor, his first part-time job and ultimately his career; fifty years later he is still at it.

I knew Mike before we sat down and had this chat and I can say I know Mike a lot more now. Mike is a patient, passionate man and is committed to giving back in any way he can. Thanks Mike.

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[left]
Mike Humphreys
as an adult and
as a young
hockey player

COMMUNITY NEWS

February 2020

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., February 4, 2020 - 9:00 a.m. (Operational Budget Meeting)
- Tues., February 4, 2020 - 7:00 p.m. (Regular Council Meeting)
- Tues., February 18, 2020 - 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming Public Meetings (if required):

- Tues., February 18, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.
- Tues., March 24, 2020 - 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.

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What's going on in Whitchurch-Stouffville?



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Residents are now able to drop-off their used and unwanted household batteries in the bins provided at the following facilities:

- Stouffville Clippers Complex, 120 Weldon Road
- Stouffville Arena, 12483 Ninth Line
- Whitchurch-Stouffville Leisure Centre, 2 Park Drive

For additional information on how to prepare your batteries for recycling visit: rawmaterials.com/page/education/prepare-batteries/

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There is a 3-hour limit for on-street parking year-round however winter parking restrictions took effect on December 1 and conclude March 31. There is no parking between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. on neighbourhood streets.

York Regional Police will receive information from Town By-law Officers when a vehicle is towed. During business hours, please contact our By-law Enforcement if you suspect your vehicle has been towed. After hours, please contact York Regional Police (non-emergencies only).

Become a Hydrant Hero!



Please keep three feet clearance around the perimeter of nearby fire hydrants to ensure that there is easy access in the event of an emergency. Help clear a path from the hydrant to the street for firefighters to locate and access the hydrant in an efficient manner. For more information, call (905) 640-9595.

Mayor 4 A Day Contest

Are you in grade 5 - 7 and want to be the Mayor for a day? Let us know by February 18! Find more details at townofws.ca/mayor4theday



LANDSCAPE SUPPLIES

STOUFFVILLE SENIOR OF THE MONTH

CATHERINE SWORD

- **What is your age?** I'm 60 years old.
- **How long have you lived in Stouffville?** I came to Stouffville almost 32 years ago from London, Ontario, where I completed the Masters degree in Library and Information Studies.
- **Tell us about your family:** I have a step-son and many nieces, nephews, grand nieces & nephews. It's always interesting to watch the younger generations growing up.
- **Tell us about your career:** My 26 year career with the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library has certainly been varied. Troubleshooting microfilm readers. Helping students find materials for their school projects, and adults with their projects too. Setting up programmes on finances, funeral planning, dreams, writing, how to use computers to access the library, author visits. Of course, my favourite was always selecting materials for the community. Never a dull moment at the public library and I still enjoy volunteering for an English language learning group.
- **Looking back, what are the highlights of your life?** I have to say, one highlight, which I hadn't realized at the time, was sitting in a Systems Analysis class at Western. It was not one of my favourites and I'd often stare out the window. There was a handsome man whose schedule took him by my class each week. It was the highlight of my class and eventually, that man became my husband. Another, more recent highlight, was the publication of my memoir, My World of Normal.
- **"What's life all about Grandma?"** To be honest, kid, I haven't got it all figured out yet. We all get to explore this mysterious life and sharing our stories is part of the fun. Shall we go for a hot chocolate? I'd love to hear your stories so far.
- **What do you like best about life in Stouffville?** I'm fortunate to have some of my favourite things handy. A Yang style tai chi class, a fun yoga class and Wednesday night meditations. Even so, I'd have to say my favourite thing is walking. I so enjoy being able to walk to do a lot of errands. It may take longer than having a car, but that's because I often stop to talk to people, dogs and cats.
- **What would make life in Stouffville even better?** I'm pretty happy with life in Stouffville. A book store would be nice, but it's not really so far to go to Blue Heron Books in Uxbridge. Some days, my community spreads a bit, but I'm happy to be home...with a book.

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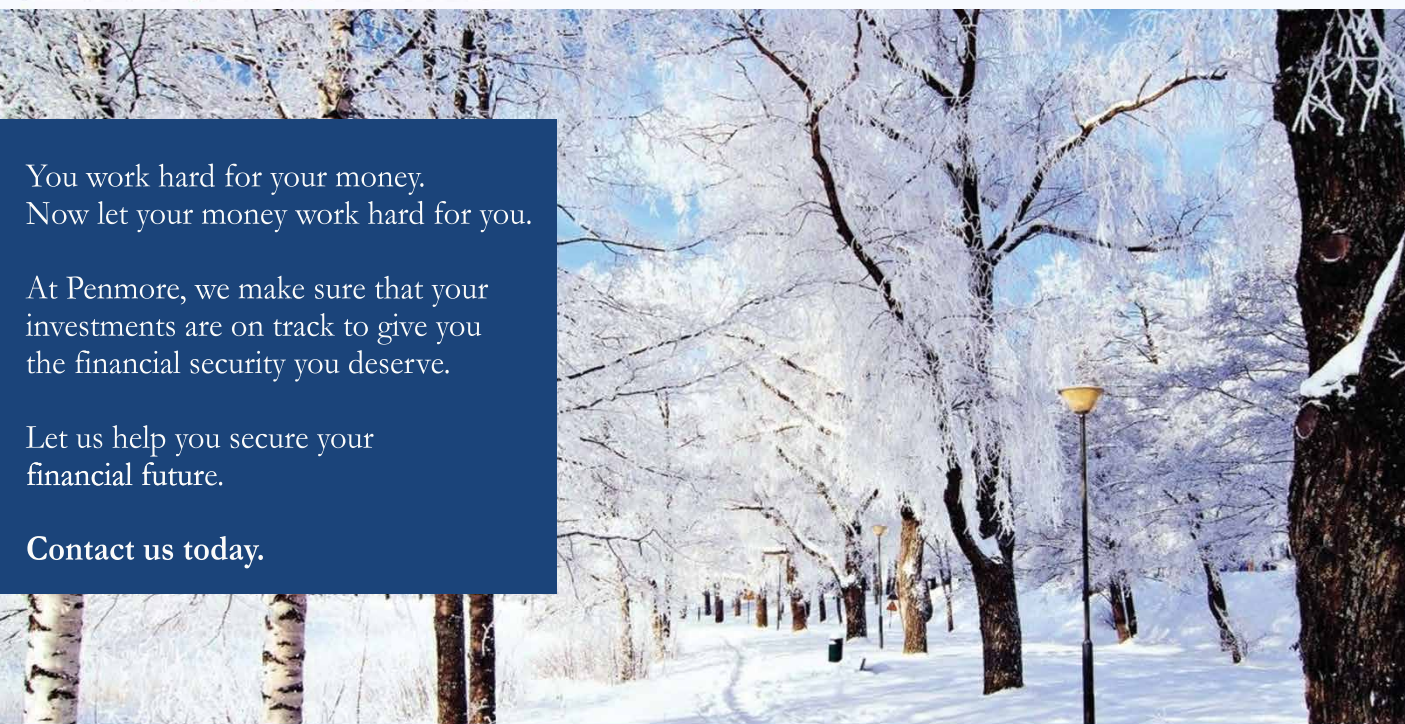
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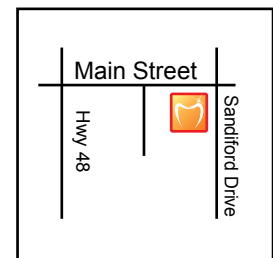
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