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33rd Thornhill Village Festival

Craftfest - Saturday, 19th September 2009 - 9.00 am to 4.30 pm

Musicfest - Saturday, 26th September 2009 11.00 am to 4.30 pm

The Thornhill Village Festival is a time to celebrate the heritage in our historic community of Thornhill. The Thornhill Village Festival is a major event in the life of Thornhill. It has something for all generations and for many individual interests. What a pleasant day to meet old friends and neighbours!

NEW for 2009

The Thornhill Village Festival will be held over TWO days.

Saturday, 19th September 2009 will host craft booths and entertainment.

It will be held in the area east of Yonge St. (on Colborne St, Eliza St, Church Lane and Thornhill Summit Drive) **and** on Yonge St. between Centre St. and John St.

Saturday, 26th September 2009 will host music and entertainment.

It will be held in Thornhill Village Park (on Old Yonge St, north of Centre St, to the west of Yonge St.)

While there will be NO Parade this year, there will be much activity on Yonge St during Craftfest: including music on the Vaughan Showmobile, lots of food, BBF dog costume contest, corporate chair race, 'scarecrow-on-the-lampost' contest and more to be announced later.

Saturday, 26th September 2009 (Musicfest) is one of the days of 'Doors Open Vaughan'.

FIRST SATURDAY - 19TH SEPTEMBER 2009

1a. Side streets in the Festival area on the **east side** of Yonge Street, will be closed from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. **Yonge St. will be closed completely** between Centre Street and John Street from 8:30 am to 5.30 pm for Festival events.

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FIRST SATURDAY - 19TH SEPTEMBER 2009 - continued

- 1b. Over 100 crafters and vendors will have their booths placed along the side streets located **east** of Yonge St. As usual a wide variety of interesting items will be displayed for sale
- 1c. Food and beverage vendors will be located throughout the Festival. Those wishing a sit-down meal should try Ukrainian fare at St. Volodymyr's Church on Church Lane.
- 1d. There will be **a beer garden**.
It will be run by the Thornhill District Lions Club and is located at Yonge St. / Thornhill Summit Drive.
- 1e. There will be NO parade at this year's Festival ... but there will be lots of activity on Yonge Street (between Centre St and John St).
- 1f. YRT routes serving the Festival include VIVA Blue, 3, 5, 77, and 99
Between 8.30 am and 5.30 pm, Transit riders should expect delays & detours to YRT routes: Viva Blue, 77 & 99.

ENTERTAINMENT

- 1g. A wide variety of entertainment is provided. **Locations** to date are:
- on Yonge Street between Centre Street and John Street
 - on Thornhill Summit Drive in the Lions Beer Garden
 - on Colborne St in the PSA parking lot.
 - on Church Lane in St Volodymyr's parking lot
 - Victoria Ballet Academy
 - there will also be several spots on the streets featuring clowns & musicians
- 1h. For younger patrons there will several activities throughout the Festival;
activities include: - petting zoo
- pony rides.
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SECOND SATURDAY - 26TH SEPTEMBER 2009

2a Several stages in Thornhill Park will provide the venue for musical groups throughout the day. A variety of music will be performed. More information will be provided closer to Festival Day.

2b. In Thornhill Park the King's Royal Yorkers and other historical militia will **re-enact battle scenes** from the 1800s. They will be near Park Lane to the west of the tennis courts. Sights, sounds and smells of the past are right before you. The battle skirmish area is marked off by tape. Please remain behind this boundary tape.

It is hoped to have a Fife & Drum band with the soldiers.

<http://royalyorkers.ca/main.html>

2c. For younger patrons there will be inflatable rides, computer games, a magician and a puppet show

2d. Food and beverage vendors will be located throughout Thornhill Park.

2e. There will be a **beer garden**.

It will be run by the Thornhill District Lions Club and will be located Thornhill Village Park.

2f Adjacent to the Park, the Armstrong House will be open to the public as part of Doors Open Vaughan. The Thornhill Historical Society will have a display of heritage photographs and other materials from its own archives on the first floor.

2g Near to the Park, the Macdonald House will be open to the public as part of Doors Open Vaughan. The bayview Watercolour Society will host an Art Show and Sale.

2h St Michael's Chapel (built as a British Methodist church and later used as the Presbyterian Church) will be open to the public to show the brilliant, award winning restoration of this designated heritage building

PLEASE NOTE that for **both days**, all times and attractions are subject to change. See website for the latest updates / information

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Background to the Festival

1. The Thornhill Village Festival is an outdoor, community, heritage and crafts Festival. It attracts 8,000 - 10,000 visitors each year. It is sponsored by of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill (SPOHT). It is organized by a volunteer community committee.
2. Volunteers are always welcome. You can volunteer to help on Festival Day or help to organize the Festival. Planning begins in February but you can volunteer at any time online at www.thornhillhistoric.org/festival/festival_volunteering.html
3. The first Thornhill Village Festival was held in the Queen's Silver Jubilee Year of 1977. An extensive photographic record of the first twenty Festivals was collected by Alf and Laura Weaver. Some images are available online at: www.thornhillhistoric.org/festival/exhibit/anniversary_gallery.html
4. The Thornhill Village Festival gratefully acknowledges the encouragement and assistance of: Town of Markham, City of Vaughan and York Region.
5. To help cover the considerable expense of the Thornhill Village Festival, admission **BUTTONS** will be available again this year. Buy on the 19th and use also on the 26th
 - \$ 4.00 for adults
 - \$ 2.00 for seniors (over 65)
 - \$ 2.00 for Teens (13-19)
 - Free for children (12 and under)
 - Free for anyone in heritage / historical costumeButton Booths are located at entrance gates on the 19th and at a donation booth on the 26th; Festival-goers are thanked for their support.
6. The Thornhill Village Festival website is at both:
 - www.thornhillfestival.com
 - www.thornhillhistoric.org/festival
7. Vendors may telephone 416-670-7836 for booth space or apply online at www.thornhillhistoric.org/festival/festival_registration.html
8. For a vendor map of the Thornhill Village Festival:
www.thornhillhistoric.org/festival/event_map.html

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*The Thornhill Village Festival is project of the
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THE FOLLOWING HAVE ASSISITED WITH FESTIVAL 2009

Town of Markham

City of Vaughan

York Region

York Region Transit / Viva

Coldwell Banker – Terrequity Realty

Petro-Canada (Yonge St / Centre St)

PowerStream Inc.

Royal LePage – Your Community Realty

www.thornhillfestival.com

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Websites for further information

OVERVIEW OF THORNHILL

Walking Tour of Historic Thornhill

<http://www.thornhillhistoric.org/walktour.html>

History of Thornhill

<http://www.city.vaughan.on.ca/tourism/history/thornhill.cfm>

http://www.thornhillhistoric.org/history_overview.html

ART HERITAGE of THORNHILL

The Group of Seven

<http://thecanadianencyclopedia.com/index.cfm?PgNm=TCE&Params=A1ARTA0003476>

<http://www.yorktourism.com/en/media/fallstoryideas.asp>

J. E. H. MacDonald (1873 – 1932) (member of the Group of Seven) (He painted one of the most famous Canadian paintings ‘The Tangled Garden’ at 121 Centre Street, Thornhill)

<http://www.tomthomson.org/groupseven/macdonald.html>

<http://www.city.vaughan.on.ca/tourism/history/hisbriefs6.cfm>

Thoreau MacDonald (1901 – 1989)

http://www.forestry.utoronto.ca/ac_staff/emeritus/loonsforever/thor.htm

<http://www.stillmanbooks.com/thoreaumacdonald.htm>

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection, Kleinberg, Ontario

<http://www.mcmichael.com/collection/seven/index.cfm>

MacDonald and Armstrong Houses, Thornhill

http://www.city.vaughan.on.ca/culture_recreation/recreation_programs/pdf/Heritage.pdf

PARTICIPANTS

King’s Royal Yorkers

<http://royalyorkers.ca/main.html>

Thornhill District Lions Club

<http://york.cioc.ca/record/MKM0716> OR www.lionsa16family.org