

# RVH hosting expansion open house

Curious about what the expanded Royal Victoria Hospital will look like? Wondering about what enhanced health services will be offered to you and your family? Want to know what construction work is already taking place at the hospital? Now is your chance to get an update on RVH's Phase 1 expansion project and take an early look at the impressive plans.

The community is invited to an open house at RVH on

Dec. 5 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., to learn more about the project, which is the largest capital project in the region's history and will double the hospital's size. Site preparation work for Phase 1 is well underway and construction of the temporary radiation suite is almost complete.

"These are indeed exciting times for RVH and the community," said Janice Skot, RVH President and CEO. "This project is going to transform health care in

our region. It will add desperately needed inpatient beds, and bring cancer care closer to home with the Simcoe-Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre. We want to take the opportunity to share the expansion plans with the community, as well answer any questions."

The informal discussion will be led by members of the RVH administration, expansion project architects and two leading radiation experts from the Odette

Cancer Centre at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. Members of the public are invited to the community update session where they will be able to see the expansion renderings, see how construction will proceed and learn how health care for the people of this region will be improved when the new hospital opens in 2011.

There will be free parking and refreshments at the event.

## Museum plans Victorian Christmas

On Dec. 9, the Simcoe County Museum welcomes everyone to Victorian Christmas.

From 1 to 4:30 p.m., the museum will be filled with Christmas music, crafts, food and activities. Every December, the museum hosts an open house afternoon to thank the community for another year of support, and to celebrate the season in true Victorian style. Listen to a performance by the Joybells Bell Ringer choir and sing along with Christmas carols in the church. Discover the melodious sounds of the hammered dulcimer, played by Jim Harris. Enjoy hot cider and candy canes. Wander along the museum's village street to browse the newly renovated storefronts.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

**A directory of what is happening in your community**

The community event calendar is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce upcoming events. Deadlines are no later than Monday for that week's issue to

COMMUNITY EVENTS, P.O. Box 310, Beeton, Ontario L0G 1A0

Submissions by mail, fax or e-mail and will not be received by telephone.

### ISSUES & INTERESTS

**The York-Simcoe Naturalists** is a young club looking for new members. Contact: Cathryn Rees at 905-775-7021, e-mail: wilcor@sympatico.ca.

**South Simcoe Community Information Centre "CONTACT"** at 146 Victoria St. W. Alliston. Call (705) 435-4900, Fax 705-435-1106. Website: www.csolve.net/-contact, or Email: contact@focusdc.on.ca.

**Be a face in the fight against cancer** The Innisfil Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society needs volunteers. Their involvement enables the Canadian Cancer Society to fund cancer research, provide information, services and to support people living with cancer. Call: 436-1060 or 726-8032.

**The Canadian Mental Health Association of Barrie-Simcoe** supports the development and continuance of self-help groups as a viable community resource for individuals experiencing difficulties. Self-Help groups can provide; support and understanding through difficult times; an opportunity to meet with others who have experienced similar difficulties; information and education; a safe and comfortable environment; suggestions regarding coping strategies that help to get through difficult times.

For further information contact the Canadian Mental Health Association, Barrie-Simcoe Branch at 705-726-5033 or 1-800-461-4319.

**Donations** are needed for Music Fun Night at the Gilford United Church. If you have any old or unused music instruments like tambourines, shakers, chimes,

drums or other fun instruments, call Dawn at (705) 456-2555.

### MONDAYS

**Friends of the Innisfil Library**, Stroud Branch, meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m.

**Gilford and District Horticultural Society** meets second Monday of the month from March to November at Churchill Community Centre at 7:30pm. New members are always welcome. Call Judith Rogers at 431-9278 or Kathy Barraclough at (905)853-8785 for more info.

**Al-Anon meetings** take place every Monday at Innisfil Community Church at 8:00 p.m. If you have a problem with someone else's drink, come and join the discussion group.

**Innisfil Pipes & Drums** meet for practice at the Legion in Bell Ewart, 1017 Robinson St. at 7 p.m. Always looking for new members. Phone Ken at (705) 456-3717.

### TUESDAYS

**Job Search Assistance**, help with job search, resumes, interview tips, job bank internet assistance at the Thornton Library 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and the Alcona Library from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Services provided at no charge by The Employment Outreach Team call Marilee or Kathy at (705) 728-0897 for more information. This initiative is funded by the government of Canada.

**Cookstown Computer Club** drop-in program for elementary students, 4 to 5 p.m. at the library.

**T.O.P.S.** (Take off Pounds Sensibly) from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Library, Robert St., Thornton. For information call (705) 424-9433 or (705) 458-0937.

**Stroud Seniors invite persons 55 +** to join them for an afternoon of bid and progressive euchre, refreshments and companionship. 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, Painswick. Call 436-1628.

**St Paul's Anglican Church**, located on the corner of Mapleview and Yonge Street, has two new youth and young

adult programs. From 6:30 - 8:00 pm will be informal musical jamming sessions for anyone with a voice or instrument. If you are learning to play an instrument or like to sing and would enjoy having some fun and social time with similar minded people, come and join us. For more information, please call (705) 722-7755

**St. Paul's Church**, Innisfil (corner of Mapleview and Younge Street), Playgroup for tots, moms, dads, caregivers, and grandparents from 9:30-11:30 am. Come for a social time, friendship, play and snacks. For information, call (705) 431-1694.

**The Beta Classes** will be held at the Innisfil Community Church starting January 9th at 1pm. Beta is a life changing program and the twelve week course will enable you to live free from fear, stress anxiety and the pain of past hurts and traumas. This program is offered at the Church from 1:00 - 2:30 pm. For more information, call Sherri McLaughlin at (705) 436-1611.

### WEDNESDAYS

**Friends of the Innisfil Library**, Lakeshore Branch, meet the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. New members are most welcome.

**Euchre, bid euchre**, Scrabble and cribbage is played at Alcona Seniors club every Wednesday at 11:30 to 3 p.m. at the ABC Hall on the 25th Sideroad below Innisfil Beach Rd. Refreshments and fun days. Bring a bag lunch.

**Euchre every 3rd** Wednesday of the month at 7:30, Newton Robinson United Church in aid of Gwen Taylor Library. Refreshments.

**Weight Loss Group**. The Alcona Chapter of TOPS meets at 7:15 at Goodfellow Public School. Call Joan Davies at 436-3197 after 6 and on weekends.

**Job Search Assistance**, help with job search, resumes, interview tips, job bank internet assistance. On Wednesdays, the mornings are alternated between the Churchill and the Cookstown Libraries from 10:00 a.m. to noon., and every Wednesday afternoon at the Stroud Branch from 1:30 - 3:30.

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**Euchre at St. Peter's Anglican Church**, Churchill is held every Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the parish hall. Please call Reg at 705-456-6801 for information.

**The Cookstown Co-Operative Playgroup** is at St. John's Anglican Church in Cookstown located on Hwy 89, east of Hwy 27. All pre-school children and their care-givers are welcome, as well as new members. The hours will be 9:30 to 12:00 every Wednesday & Thursday. Come out with your pre-school aged children (senior kindergarten and younger), have a snack, make a craft and meet some new friends. For more information please call Brian Haas at (705) 458-8468. See you there!!

### THURSDAYS

**Euchre - Progressive and Bid**, every Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion - 1017 Robinson, Bell Ewart 705-436-1144, Betty.

**Register for Book** Book a six week afterschool program for ages 6 and up from 5-6 p.m. Call Innisfil Public Library, Cookstown Branch at 458-1273.

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**Barrie Chapter of Schizophrenia Society** of Ontario family support group meets the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Canadian Mental Health Association, Barrie-Simcoe Building, 39 High St., Barrie. For info contact 726-5033.

**Painswick Horticultural Society** meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at St. Paul's Anglican Church. Meeting time is 7:30 p.m. New members welcome. For info call Linda Lewer at 436-3908.

**The Parish of Churchill and Cookstown** youth group meets every Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Youth between the ages of 9-12 years are welcome to attend regardless of denomination. Please call Pam Gervais for information at (705) 735-3484.

**St Paul's Anglican Church**, located on the corner of Mapleview and Yonge Street, has two new youth and young adult programs. From 6:30 - 8:00 pm we are beginning a study comparing the gospels and learning how and why they developed. For more information, call (705) 722-7755.

### SATURDAYS

**Barrie Farmers' Market**, outside and inside Barrie City Hall. From 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fresh produce and fruit in season. For info please call 739-4204.

### SUNDAYS

**Overeaters Anonymoyus** meets at the Mapleview Community Church at 7pm. Do you eat when you are not hungry? Is your weight affecting the way you live your life? It's not what you eat, it's what's eating you! For more information, call Anne at (705) 436-7921.

**The Teen Youth Group** of the Parish of Churchill and Cookstown meet at St. John's Anglican Church every other Sunday in the parish hall from 12:30 - 2:30 pm. All teens aged between 13-18 years are welcome to join regardless of denomination. Please call Pam at (705) 735-3484 for information.

### FRIDAY DECEMBER 7

**Free turkey and ham dinner** at St. Peter's Anglican Church in Churchill. The event will take place between 5 and 7 p.m. There is no cost to attend the dinner, however a cash donation or some non-perishable food items to support their annual Christmas for Kids outreach program will be accepted. The church is located at 6254 Yonge Street. Limited space is available, and food will be given on a first come, first serve basis. Form more information, call Joyce at 431-9231.

**The Innisfil Fire and Rescue Service's** Alcona branch will host a tree lighting ceremony at their hall, beginning at 6 p.m. There will be food, hot beverages, games and a visit from Santa Claus.

### MONDAY DECEMBER 10

**Join the Base Borden Volunteer Brass and Reed Conert Band** for an evening of Christmas music and support for our local military families, beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is a non-perishable food item or monetary donation to the Military Family Resource Centre's Share the Spirit initiative.

The concert is being held at Cinema Terra on the corner of Dieppe and Tobruk roads in Base Borden. Music will range from the classical to modern arrangements and everyone, military and civilian, is welcome. For more information or directions, please contact Colin Lloyd at lloyd.ca@forces.gc.ca or 424-1200 ext. 2694.

### FRIDAY DECEMBER 14

**Thornton Skating Club** will be holding registration at the Thornton Arena from 5 until 7 p.m. for power skate and adult later skate. Both programs are once a week for 10 weeks, starting in January. For more information call Charlene at 739-9226.

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 26

**Boxing Day pancake breakfast** from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Adults \$4 per person, seniors and kids under 12 are \$3. Innisfil Lions Hall, 982 Innisfil Beach Road in Alcona. Plenty for everyone. For information, call 737-1617.

### TUESDAY DECEMBER 31

**Innisfil Lions New Years Eve Bash**, starting with cocktails at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Music by Ian Mitchell. Admission is \$40 per person. If needed, free drive will be provided within the Innisfil area. For information, call 431-6231.