



Summer fun in store at new civic square

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If you're looking for summer activities, come to civic square, now that the new City Hall has opened.



The new civic square offers a full range of activities this summer.

This season of family-oriented fun kicked off recently with the official opening of the new building and was followed by the Cambridge Arts Festival.

"It's going to be a very busy summer down here and we're hoping people will come down to see what going on," said Wanda Schaefer-Stilling, city recreation co-ordinator, who is organizing events at the new civic square.

In July, two further events will be launched, which will become regular features at civic square on Wednesday nights and Saturdays.

The first is called Whimsical Wednesdays which kicks off July 2 and will run every Wednesday in July.

It will bring a series of family entertainers to civic square for several hours of fun.

The show bill includes Erick Traplin, July 2; Sho, Mo and the Monkey Bunch, July 9; Blac Ice Comics and Mary Lambert Productions, July 16; Capt. Corbin "The Magic Pirates" and The One Man Circus Show, July 23; and the Smudge Fundaes, July 30.

The shows start at 7 p.m. with the exception of the double bills July 9 and 16, which start at 6:45 p.m.

Meanwhile on Saturdays, the area in front of City Hall will host Imagination Square from 10 a.m. to noon. Its show bill includes: vocal illusionist, Mark Crocker, July 2; Madame Buskerfly and Scott Hammell, July 12; Nonesuch and the Blair Scottish Dancers (in conjunction with the Cambridge Highland Games), July 19; on July 26 City Hall will be going to the dogs with the K-9 Dog Show.

On Aug. 2 the Mill Race Festival of Traditional Folk Music will fill civic square.

Come August, Whimsical Wednesday will give way to a Thursday theatre series.

"We've arranged to have an inflatable movie screen brought in for a family theatre night," Schaefer-Stilling said. "We're not sure what movies will be running yet, but this open-air movie night has been really successful in Kingston and Ajax."

Meanwhile, on the other side of Historic City Hall, the committee overseeing operations of Cambridge's Farmers' Market is doing its best to ensure the market stays on the top 10 list of Canada's best farmers' markets.

The market's management committee is developing a series of special events that will run over the course of

the summer.

They include celebrations for Canada Day, Civic Holiday Weekend, Labour Day weekend and Thanksgiving.

In addition, the Downtown Cambridge Business Improvement Association (BIA) is putting together three events this summer in the Galt core area.

On July 19, the BIA will host its Grand Summerfest Bazaar and Block Party, which will feature Matt Storch performing in the evening.

On Aug. 2 the BIA is sponsoring the latest edition of the Mill Race Festival of Traditional Music, and on Aug. 9 the Galt core will be the backdrop for the second annual Grand Classic Car Show and Live Music, with Gabe Lee performing in the evening.

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