

Come Celebrate Canada Day in Dufferin-Caledon

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Happy birthday, Canada!

On July 1, we celebrate our nation's 149th birthday and the many achievements our nation has achieved throughout its history.

To celebrate Canada's birthday, there are a variety of activities occurring across the country and in Dufferin-Caledon that I hope you have an opportunity to enjoy.

I will be starting my day at Downey's Farm Market where they will be serving pancakes topped with their famous strawberries and whipped cream. There will be live entertainment, a play area for the kids, pony rides, goat walk, dog show and a magic show during the afternoon. Throughout the day you can also walk around the grounds and pick your own strawberries.

After my stop at Downey's, I'm off to the Caledon Fairgrounds to participate in the 26th Caledon Canada Day Strawberry Festival. From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., there will be a range of activities and events, including a free birthday cake and balloons at noon, a classic car show, a silent auction, an all-day strawberry breakfast and BBQ, as well as a craft show.

There is something for the entire family at the Fairgrounds, all organized and hosted by the Caledon Fair board volunteers.

If you are in Dufferin County, there are activities happening in Amaranth, Orangeville and Shelburne. The Township of Amaranth, with the help of the Amaranth Lions, are hosting a BBQ and other family-friendly activities at the Amaranth Town Hall.

The Orangeville Legion always gets a great turn-out for their BBQ that is open to the entire community.

Shelburne is moving their celebrations to Fiddle Park this year. Beginning at 4 p.m., they are offering live entertainment, the Kinettes are selling food from the Kinette Kitchen, and of course, fireworks at dusk.

Returning to Caledon in the evening I will be attending the 20th anniversary of Canada Day celebrations at Albion Hills Conservation Area in Palgrave. There will be a variety of food vendors and entertainment, including a dog show, face painting, hay rides as well as fireworks at dusk. It will sure be a fun night!

Make sure to say hello if you see me out and about this Canada Day. I generally have some Canadian lapel pins to hand out to children who can answer my Canadian trivia questions like "How old is Canada?? The trivia questions get harder the older you are, so brush up on your Canadian trivia before July 1!

No matter where you are or what your plans are, please remember to stay safe while enjoying the festivities of this long weekend as we celebrate our nation's birth. I wish everyone a Happy Canada Day and a wonderful long weekend.