

End your summer with ?Superhero? movie parties next week

By Brock Weir

If you're looking for a special way to wrap up your summer vacation, dust off your cape and head over for back-to-back Superhero parties as the grand finale of the Movies in the Park season.

The first of two End of Summer Superhero Parties gets underway next Tuesday, August 26 at Hickson Park on Borealis Avenue at Conover starting at 6 p.m. This screening will feature a screening of ?Superman: Man of Steel.?

The fun continues with the second installment on Thursday, August 28 at 6 p.m. with a screening of ?The Amazing Spiderman? at Norm Weller Park. (McClellan Way, just east of Bathurst Street).

Each evening will offer something for everyone ? and new activities to keep kids and families wanting more, according to Shelley Ware, Special Events Coordinator for the Town of Aurora.

According to Ms. Ware, her department got the idea for back-to-back Superhero parties through feedback from those who attended last year's screenings.

?We had one Superhero movie last year and there was a huge demand to have a second one,? she says. ?We went with back-to-back screenings this year and chose to enhance it with some Superhero activities to make the entire movie experience unique, but also fun for all members of the family.

?There is going to be a bouncy castle, face painting, superhero crafts and some superhero games.?

Events like these forge and enhance community connections, Ms. Ware continues, noting that this might be the last chance for kids in the neighbourhood to get together before the school bell rings again in September.

?This is a chance for kids to reunite with others they haven't had a chance to see throughout the summer,? she says. ?It was very evident last year hearing from the parents that this is something they really look forward to ? seeing faces they don't normally see gearing up for the big long weekend and the start of the school year.?

Based on feedback from the screenings that have already taken place so far this year, Ms. Ware says she is eyeing the possibility of having six separate screenings staggered throughout July and August and into early September in 2015.

Admission is free.