

King City Festival hits town June 15

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The stage is set for King City's summer festival, hitting the community June 15.

In 2011, the King City Lions started with an idea to have a small event to provide the residents of King City with a day in September to have fun with their families in village's Memorial Park.

In partnership with the Lions and Township of King, the King City Bash was born.

Last year, it was moved to June to take advantage of the summer weather.

This year's Festival boasts an impressive lineup of entertainment and events for the whole family.

This year's Bouncy Castle Fun Zone reaches midway proportions with six huge inflatable bouncy castles featuring Adrenalin Rush II, a huge bouncer measuring 40 feet long, 27 feet wide and 16 feet high.

Get extreme, go vertical, there are no rules. The most radical departure from a straight line obstacle course, participants will jump, climb, crawl, squeeze and slide their way through this medley of obstacles.

One of the highlights of the day will be the official opening of the popular skateboard park. Dignitaries will be on hand at noon to kick off the ceremony. Sanction Skate Shop is bringing some pro level skateboarders to offer some tips for enthusiasts.

There will be a never-ending stream of musical entertainment, ranging from jazz and blues, to pop and rock, from some talented local and regional musicians.

Tom Walker and the King City Secondary School (KCSS) Senior Jazz Band and Rock Band will be on hand. Walker is head of the music department of the school and his students will perform.

They will be followed by the King City Rock Band Mk III and then local blues artist Joel Krivy.

Krivy, a long-time resident of King City, has been playing the guitar for most of his life and has been performing since he was invited to play an acoustic blues set at Kingfest in 2005. His musical genre is acoustic blues/roots played on acoustic finger style and slide guitars. His performance includes a variety of original material, as well as covers of many of the old blues masters.

The Blackboard Blues Band is a 10-piece group dedicated to the finest rhythm and blues, funk, soul, blues, and rock music from the '70s to present day. The group has released two CDs and has made appearances across the GTA and on TV.

The festival runs from noon to 9 p.m. and also includes firefighter demonstrations, a Lions barbecue, vendors, ice cream and more.

The Lions will hold their annual cash draw at 5 p.m.