

Saturday, July 19, 2025

Junior Gardeners Competition

Date and Time: Saturday, July 19 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Address: 460 Witt Road

On July 19th, 2025, Laurentian Valley Township is hosting it's 9th Annual Junior Gardeners contest at Stafford Park during the annual Party in the Park Event. The competition provides youth the opportunity to choose either a flower or a vegetable to take home and nurture it for the summer. The contest highlights the township's tagline "Grow with Us" and was chosen as a means of giving youth of the Township and neighbouring communities an opportunity to learn a new skill. Alastair Hugli of Sunset Nursery Garden Centre & Greenhouse is once again set to judge this year's competition.

TO ENTER THE COMPETITION:

Children ages 16 and under can participate in the competition by registering and picking up a plant for **free** at Sunset Nursery Garden Centre & Greenhouse (located at 2177 Greenwood Rd) from May 26 to June 13, 2025.

JUNIOR GARDENERS COMPETITION SCHEDULE

May 26 – June 13, 2025

- Registration and Free Plant Pick Up at Sunset Nursery Garden Centre & Greenhouse (located at 2177 Greenwood Rd)

June 14 – July 19, 2025

- Grow and nurture your chosen plant or flower

July 19, 2025

- Junior Gardeners Competition - Awards Ceremony at Stafford Park located at 641 Third Ave South during Stafford Park's "Party in the Park" event
- Plant Drop Off – 10:00 – 10:30 am
- Judging 10:30 – 11:00 am
- Awards Ceremony 11:00 – 11:30 am
- BBQ Lunch – Noon (Free for Competitors)
- Junior Gardeners can stay after the awards ceremony and enjoy a few hours of play! Special features include a bouncy castle, Laurentian Valley fire department slip and slide, LV Fire Truck on site, BBQ lunch, youth prize draw, splash pad, slushies and playgrounds.

We look forward to see all the competition entries at the awards ceremony at the end of July!

Stafford Party in the Park

Date and Time: Saturday, July 19 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Address: 641 3rd Ave S, Pembroke, ON K8A 7A5

Come and enjoy a family fun event at Stafford Park! The yearly event has a little something for everyone to enjoy including:

- a Vendor Show

- RY J's Adventures bouncy castle
- BBQ lunch
- LV Fire Department Obstacle Course and Slip and Slide
- Raffles, 50/50
- Junior Gardeners Awards Ceremony

All proceeds of this event will be re-invested back into the Park!

The event will kick off with the judging of the 9th Annual Junior Gardeners Competition, a competition that was open to all children who reside in and out side the Township. Youth ages 16 years of age or younger, put their green thumbs into action by trying to grow a plant over the course of a month. A big thank you to Sunset Nursery Garden Centre & Greenhouses, in particular Alastair Hugli, who will once again judge the competition. Kids had to pick up their plant and register by July 11, 2025 to take part in the competition. This year we have about 100 kids registered for the competition.

How to participate as a vendor in the Vendor Market:

- Pre-registration required by July 19, 2025
- \$10 per vendor (small businesses, crafters, local producers, etc.)
- Must have own table, seating and shelter/tent
- To register contact staffordparkrecreation@gmail.com
- Registration fee can be paid by e-transfer
- Starts at 10 am at Stafford Park located at 641 3rd Ave South

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/share/6GZTFRuFyduJ3RoK/>

<https://calendar.lvtownship.ca>