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Are we in hot water?

Hard water raises concerns

By JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Reporter

Safety concerns have been raised about hot water heaters in Stouffville homes.

A Stouffville resident is worried that a build-up of corrosion from Stouffville's hard water could cause a pressure relief valve on water heaters to fail to open, resulting in an explosion. A Consumers Gas official said a hot water tank can't explode.

Some plumbers, however, think otherwise.

Greg Sevick, an engineer and general manager for Consumers Gas northern division, which leases heaters, told *The Tribune* the gas company will

review its practise of how often hot water tank inspections are carried out, including those in Stouffville.

Judy Smith of Shane Court wants Consumers Gas or the town to take the initiative to

educate residents on how to look after a hot water tank including the T&P pressure relief valve.

The alarm bell rang in the Smith home when dirty hot

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Region pushing total public smoking ban

By JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Reporter

In just one hour in a smoky room, you can breath in as much of one cancer-causing compound as you would by smoking 35 cigarettes, is just one piece of alarming information being used to promote smoke-free public places in York Region.

While Whitchurch-Stouffville council makes plans to re-visit its smoking laws, health officials from the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), including York, continue to call for tougher smoking laws, region-wide.

A survey involving 3,200 people, was carried out recently in the GTA.

Health officials have reported that the survey shows that "almost seven of 10" of the residents of the GTA would support municipal bylaws calling for 100 per cent smoke-free in such places such as bars, restaurants, food courts and even donut shops.

Dr. Barbara Yaffe, GTA's medical officer of health, said the sur-

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Campaign kick-off

Ron Parker, right, Multiple Sclerosis Person of 1996 passes a carnation to Mayor Wayne Emerson to symbolize the kick-off of the MS Carnation Campaign. May is MS month, and a door-to-door fund raising campaign begins May 10.

Photo/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Lemonville artists host show tomorrow

The Lemonville Artists' Group hosts its third annual show and sale Sunday from 12:30 to 5 p.m. at Lemonville Community Centre.

Work by all 25 artists in the group will be featured in the show and everyone is welcome to attend, said spokeswoman June Probert. The popular group was established four years ago and is limited to a membership of 25.

Classes are held every Thursday at the centre and a number of guest instructors have shared their expertise with members, among them both local artists and visiting artists from the United States. This is a watercolor group and we're featuring a general show of things we've done over the last year or so, said Probert.

The show provides an oppor-

tunity to purchase original works by local artists at reasonable prices, she added. Anyone who is interested in joining the group can contact her at 640-3965 and their name will be placed on the membership waiting list.

The Lemonville Community Centre is located at 13453 McCowan Rd., just south of Bloomington Rd.

- Kate Gilderdale



Puff passe?

Allard Thomas has a smoke at Coffee Way. The days of smoking in a restaurant may be numbered.

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