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United Way Appeal

The United Way has 70 per cent what it needs to make York Region a better place to live and work. About \$2.3 million has already been sent to the agency for this year's fall campaign. The goal is \$3.2 million.

Time is running short, so it's critical that outstanding corporate or individual gifts reach the United Way fast, said its executive director Wyn Chivers.

Chivers said it's possible the campaign, which was supposed to wrap up this month, may be extended. But it's encouraging that new companies are giving and some who gave before are giving even more, she said.

Credit card donations can be made at 474-9974.

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AND A ONE, AND A TWO: From left: Rob Shannon, of Stouffville Country Market, Rob Reid, of Reid's Consignment Shop, Kass Kasam, of Basically Bagels, Fred Karakolis, of Jughead's, and Paul Guest, of M&M Meat Shops, get some practice in for the Businessmen's Chorus which will entertain at the Stouffville Festival of Lights on Friday night Nov. 28.

Photo by SJOERD WITTEVEEN

\$1M water overhaul

JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Reporter

A cool million is about to flow into Whitchurch-Stouffville.

A \$550,000 grant is on its way to fix water pipes running from the Ninth Line to the Millard Street area, government officials, including Oak Ridges MP Bryon Wilfert, announced this week.

Whitchurch-Stouffville is also one step closer to getting a new well, valued at \$427,000 slated for Main Street East, near the townline.

It's expected York Region politicians will give the nod for the Stouffville projects Wednesday.

Town engineer Tom Parry pointed out both projects will improve the town's water system. "It means a more secure water supply," said Parry.

The grant money comes from

the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Works program. It will be used to lay three kilometres of pipe extending from the Ninth Line at the Stouffville boundary to Concession 8, close to Millard Street.

The watermain rehabilitation grant, to begin in the summer of 1998, will include connecting salvagable pipe with new ones.

Wilfert was joined by Ontario Transportation Minister Tony Clement and York Regional chairman Eldred King to announce the grants earmarked for York.

"Projects like these demonstrate the provincial government's commitment to improving the condition of Ontario's infrastructure," said Clement.

Roads and watermain improvements "will contribute significantly to a solid infrastructure in the community and substantially to good quality of life for their

residents," added Wilfert.

Because of the grant, the region was able to undertake the projects sooner than was expected, stressed King.

While the in-town water system gets a boost, Ballantrae and Muselman's Lake homeowners continue to get connected to the neighbourhood's new \$8-million water works project.

Of the 800 property owners affected, about 200 have made the move to get hooked up at a cost of about \$7,000 each.

The decision to bring a communal water system to the hamlets came after health officials found many contaminated wells which they said could pose a serious health threat to the community at large.

Even though the new water system was approved by three levels of government, some residents continue to reject it, claiming it's pointless to force homeowners who neither need nor want water to bear the individual cost.

A student 'write-off'

Local high school students are invited to enter an essay writing contest.

Sponsored by the Optimist Club of Whitchurch-Stouffville, the contest theme is My Opin-

ion of Freedom.

All students under 19 years and in Grades 10, 11 and 12 are eligible to enter. The local Optimists will select a first, second

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