



DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO GO ON TUESDAY NIGHT? WE DO!!!

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTRE (NERC) WILL BE OPEN ON TUESDAYS UNTIL 8:30 P.M. STARTING TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2000.

OUR CENTRE OFFERS YEAR-ROUND, NO COST ACCESS TO ALL THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO CONDUCT A JOB SEARCH, CAREER ENHANCEMENT OR CAREER EXPLORATION.

WE ARE OPEN TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF THE STOUFFVILLE AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTRE IS LOCATED AT



STOUFFVILLE DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL
183 BRAMBLE CRESCENT, ROOM 109,
STOUFFVILLE, ONTARIO
PHONE: (905) 640-2856

IF WE HAVEN'T MET YOU YET WE WOULD LIKE TO NOW!

The Neighbourhood Employment Resource Centres are a partnership between:
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This sign is located on the west side of Warden Avenue, facing southbound traffic exiting from Hwy. 407 in Markham.

Billboards promote acceptance of gays

BY PATRICK CASEY
Staff Writer

A grassroots group is taking its message of acceptance for gays and lesbians out of the closet and on to the roadsides of York Region.

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) put up its first billboard on Warden Avenue, just north of 14th Avenue yesterday, posting a message that reads "Someone You Know and Love is Gay."

A second sign, "It's Not a Choice, It's OK to be Gay," will be installed on Jan. 31 on Woodbine Avenue, north of John Street.

"There are a lot of people under the assumption that there are no gays living out in the suburbs. They think they are all down in Toronto at Church and Wellesley," said Marilyn Byers, a former Thornhill resident who formed the York Region chapter of PFLAG in September 1996, in part because of her personal experiences with her son, Kevin.

The international non-profit organization provides support and education to gay children, as well as to their parents, families and friends.

Today, Byers spends most of her time speaking to school groups, businesses and the community and says homophobia is still rampant throughout society.

"It is not just the gay people who are affected, it is their brothers, sisters and mothers. It's a sad fact that one-third of all teenage suicides are related to sexual orientation," Byers said.

Partially funded by the federal government, each sign cost \$3,000 and will be up for four weeks. The signs contain PFLAG's website, www.gaycanada.com/pflag-york, and a toll-free number for the AIDS Committee of York Region (1-800-243-7717), a volunteer organization that helped sponsor the initiative.

Richmond Hill Regional Councillor Janet Mabley, who came out as a lesbian last November, applauded the campaign, noting York Region residents still need to be educated on the subject.

Parkview Village
12184 Ninth Line South
Stouffville

Sunday, January 30th, 2000
Parkview Village Choir
7 p.m. Auditorium

Come To Church on Sunday

BLOOMINGTON GOSPEL CHURCH
13660 Ninth Line
(South of 47 Highway formerly Bloomington Rd.)
Pastor - Dr. John Howarth
Sunday, January 30th, 2000
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - To swear or not to swear
Matthew 5:33-37
6:30 p.m. - Evening Service
Everyone Welcome

STOUFFVILLE MISSIONARY CHURCH
4500 Main St., Stouffville
Phone: 640-3911 • E-mail: smc.ca@home.com

SUNDAY SERVICES
Discovery Service: 9:30 am
Christian Education for all ages
Celebration Service: 11:00 am

Watch our sign for special events and opportunities.

"Bringing the Hope of Jesus Christ in a Changing World"

VIVIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
473-3543
On Hwy. 48 at Vivian Rd.
Pastor Robert Okum

Holding forth the doctrines of grace

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. - Evening Service
Everyone is Welcome

STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH
34 Church St. N. 640-1163
Worship Minister: Rev. Robert Nightingale
Education Minister: Nancy Montelth

Saturday Jan. 29th - 7:30 p.m. Cabaret Night
Sunday Jan. 30th - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Sunday School from Baby Fold to the Grade 8 Level
Everyone Welcome

WIDEMAN MENNONITE CHURCH
10530 Hwy. 48 - North of Major Mackenzie
Phone: 640-6219
Pastor Kenneth Wellington

Sunday, January 30th, 2000
9:45 a.m. - Christian Education
11:45 a.m. - Worship Service
Everyone Welcome

DURHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH
invites you to come out and worship with us
SUNDAY 10:30 a.m.
Enjoy a warm welcome, fun & fellowship
At Altona - 5460 Stedline 30
640-4356

STOUFFVILLE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
6853 Main St., Stouffville 640-5696
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30th, 2000
9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. - Evening featuring Our Youth

Springvale Baptist Church
Stouffville Rd. at Kennedy Rd.
887-5651

Senior Pastor: Bob Flemming
Associate Pastor: Bill Thornton
Associate Pastor: Brian G. Simcoe
Student Ministries: Heather Thornton
Worship & Music Co-ordinator: Sharon Russell
Children's Ministries Co-ordinator: Sharon Russell

January 30th, 2000
9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Class
11:00 a.m. Message Series: 1 Peter: "God's Survival Manual"
Pastor Bill Thornton
Special Music: "Spirit of Praise"
6 p.m. - No Service

For more info call Church Office

THE ANGLICAN PARISH of CHRIST CHURCH
254 Sunset Blvd., Stouffville
640-1461
The Rev. Robert A. Shields
The Rev. Phil Cooper
Celebrating 121 years of ministry 1879-2000

Sunday, January 30th, 2000
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist with Church School and Nursery provided
Wednesday, February 2nd
10:00 a.m. Seniors Service & Tea
Everyone Welcome

STOUFFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
A Fellowship Church
6273 Main Street
Pastor - Gordon M. MacCormack 905-640-2911

Sunday, January 30th, 2000
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
Guest Speaker: John Gray
Special Music: Kelly Francis
A word of love can make a world of difference
- God Bless - WE CARE

INFORMATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2000
7:30 P.M.
AT
LESTER B. PEARSON PUBLIC SCHOOL
15 ODIN CRESCENT, AURORA
905-841-3030

Parents are invited to attend an information session about Grade One French Immersion. Lester B. Pearson Public School serves the pupils who are presently enrolled in Kindergarten in the following schools:

Aurora Heights PS.	King City PS/Eva L. Dennis Building
Ballantrae PS.	Nobleton Junior PS.
Devins Drive PS.	Regency Acres PS.
George Street PS.	Wells Street PS.
Schomberg PS.	Whitchurch Highland PS.
Highview PS.	(students living north of Bloomington)
Kettleby PS.	

APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT YOUR HOME SCHOOL