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Markham seeks top seniors

BY KATHLEEN GRIFFIN
 Staff Writer

The Town of Markham is once again seeking seniors who have made a unique and outstanding contribution to the community for its annual Seniors' Hall of Fame Awards.

It's the fourth year in a row residents have been asked to nominate local seniors who have made a difference in their neighbourhoods, to local service organizations and to the town as a whole.

"Senior volunteers help to give our community character," said Markham Mayor Don Cousens. "Every contribution, big or small, makes Markham richer."

There are three categories: The Hall of Fame Award recog-

nizes one senior volunteer who has made a long-term and unique contribution to the community; the Meritorious Award, for seniors who have made an outstanding contribution to the town; and Certificates of Appreciation for older adults who have made important contributions.

Last year, 80-year-old Stuart H. Jacobs of Unionville — who founded the Unionville Conservation and Development Society with his wife Lois in the early 1950s — was the Hall of Fame Award recipient.

Meritorious Awards went to Lois Claridge and Warren Carroll, while Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Trudy Tatangelo, Margaret Lee and the late Paul Mingay.

Nominees must have lived in

Markham for 10 years or more, be over 60 years old and have made exceptional contributions to their community. Individuals cannot self-nominate.

Nomination forms are available at all Markham senior centres, community centres and libraries as well as at the Civic Centre and on line at www.city.markham.on.ca.

Judging will be done by a volunteer committee of past winners, residents and town staff, chaired by regional councillor Gord Landon.

The deadline for nominations is Thursday, Aug. 15.

Awards will be presented Sept. 22 at the Markham Volunteer Celebration and Corn Roast.

For more information, call Mr. Landon's office at 905-479-7750.

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Stouffville Road Watch revitalized

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
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Road Watch, a citizens' group trying to lessen incidents on Stouffville's roads by encouraging safer driving habits, is being reactivated under new leadership. Ward 5 councillor Harry Bowes is the

new Road Watch chairperson. The committee will work on determining the program's direction during its Tuesday, Aug. 13 meeting at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the committee is invited to attend at the fourth floor town offices at 47 Sandiford Dr.

The group runs a number of programs including monitoring traffic speed on local roads and offering a seniors' driving skills refresher course.

Mr. Bowes will act as liaison between York Regional Police, Stouffville's Community Policing Centre and York Region's Road Watch committee.

Local residents are continuing to watch out for dangerous and careless drivers on the town's roads, and place complaints in the distinctive yellow Road Watch boxes located throughout the municipality. The complaints are then forwarded to York Regional Police.

Residents who want to do something about speeding drivers in their neighbourhood are also putting in requests to have the Road Watch radar machine brought to their street. Licence numbers are then recorded and sent to the police.

Several people have already signed up for the 55 Alive course to brush up on their driving skills. It begins Sept. 9.

Classes run from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Stouffville Legion on Ninth Line just north of Main Street. Registration is at noon on Sept. 9. More information is available by calling 905-642-0187.

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