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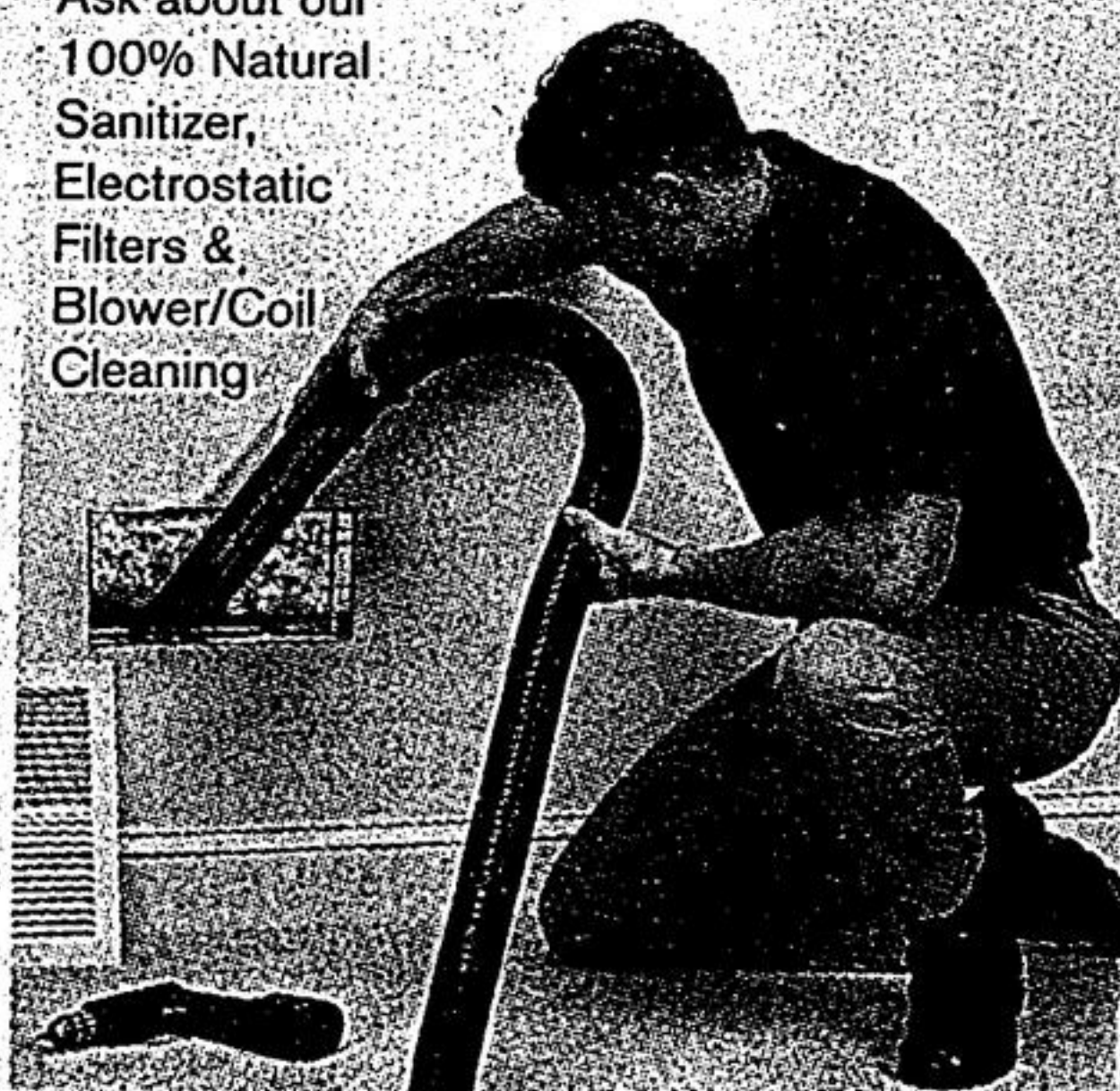
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Whitchurch-Stouffville staffers compete to reduce pollution

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
Staff Writer

You can cheer on your favourite Whitchurch-Stouffville town staffers on Tuesday as they compete in Walk or Bike to Work Day.

They will be avoiding their vehicles, brown bagging their lunches, walking to local restaurants or using locally-grown produce with the aim of reducing environmental pollutants.

The event was initiated by Ward 2 Councillor Mark Carroll, who noted, "the town is now part of the Clean Air Council in Toronto and all municipalities in the GTA are getting together to reduce their effect on air pollution".

Municipalities will also be examining long-term ways to shrink their effect on the environment, including more efficient use of town vehicles and changing in the way buildings are heated or cooled.

Team members from the departments of public works, leisure services — including arena and parks staff — development services, the treasury department, the Lebovic Leisure Centre, the fire department and the clerk's office are already devising pollution-reducing

strategies that will help them earn points in the competition.

Since there aren't the same number of people on all teams, their efforts will be assessed as a percentage of the maximum points their team could earn.

"The camaraderie is starting to build already," said town fitness supervisor Barb Armstrong, who is helping Councillor Carroll organize the event.

Fortunately, staff members who drive to Whitchurch-Stouffville from downtown Toronto or Newmarket won't be expected to walk all the way to work, but could park their car a kilometre down the road, for instance.

Bonus points will be given for those who walk or bike at least 10 km., Ms Armstrong noted. Those employees who live less than a kilometre away have promised to walk the distance. Other strategies like turning up temperatures on air conditioners will also bring in points.

The winning team will be declared on Friday, August 23.

Councillor Carroll is hoping to expand the event in future years. "Next year, we might issue a challenge to the other companies in town," he noted.

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