

Parents of homeschoolers now have support group

Parents who homeschool their children now have a local group to which they can turn for advice and ideas.

Noticing the number of homeschooled children coming to Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, Anne Houle decided to let people know homeschoolers could meet at the library to exchange information and develop programs.

Our Town

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Until now those who educated their children at home had to travel out of the municipality to hook up with a homeschooling group.

The children's librarian noted about 10 parents, many

of whom homeschool two or three of their children, have already joined the group.

Meetings will resume in the fall and in the meantime, Ms Houle is working on a variety of programs for the families, such as enriched computer and French classes.

To contact the homeschool group, call Ms Houle at 905-642-7323.

From art student to future teacher via Latcham Art Gallery

Stouffville resident Allison Bullock is seeing beneath the glitz and glamour of running a local art gallery this summer.

She was hired to assist with administrative work and gallery programs such as the summer art camp.

The 22-year-old will be entering her final year at the University of Waterloo this fall to complete her Bachelor of Environmental Studies.

"One of my long-term goals is to be a high school teacher in art, history and geography," Allison said.

At the Latcham Gallery, she wants to learn how art shows are hung and how galleries are run.

"Any kind of experience can

benefit my students in the long run."

After attending Summitview Public School, Allison went to Stouffville District Secondary School, where she took art all through school and was a teaching assistant for a Grade 10 art class.

She is able to draw on several months' recent experience as a teaching assistant at Leaside High School in Toronto when she helps lead the Latcham Gallery's summer art camp.

She has also taught art to children at Seneca College's summer camp and was an Outdoor Education teacher at Duffin's Creek Environmental

Education Centre in Pickering.

The Latcham Gallery's summer art camp for youngsters from five to 13 will run four one-week sessions. The next sessions are Aug. 11 and 18.

Classes are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, but there are also half-day camps available. Students explore art media such as painting, sketching, papermaking, mixed media collages and sculpture.

Allison was hired with the assistance of a grant through Human Resources Development Canada through its Summer Career Placement program.

For information on the gallery's summer camps, call 905-640-8954.



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Mayor Steve Plakes will Tee-Off in the 2004 Mayor's Golf Tournament

Why should the Mayor's Golf Tournament Die?



Last Thursday, I read Sun/Tribune editor Jim Mason's column. Mr. Mason recognizes the importance of the Mayor's Golf Tournament to the community, especially to our youth. Mr. Mason knows that Wayne Emmerson cares about the young people of Whitchurch-Stouffville. In the past nine years, the Mayor's Golf Tournament has raised over \$130,000. Money from the annual tournament funded youth hockey teams, theatre productions, library projects and, at one time or

another, each and every school in Whitchurch-Stouffville has received a donation.

When I golf, I often bring home the "Most Honest" golfer trophy. Despite my lack of skill on the golf course, I care about young people. You don't need to be a Tiger Woods to be impressed by the fact that two weeks ago, more than 400 golfers participated in the Mayor's Golf Tournament. The golfers knew Mayor Wayne Emmerson was retiring. They wondered, "Would the tournament end? Mr. Mason wrote that tears fell at the mention that this tournament's days are done. Mayor Wayne Emmerson can certainly retire with peace of mind. He has served the community well and he should be able to return to private life with everyone's blessings.

But, why does the golf tournament have to end?

The Mayor's Golf Tournament is a very successful event. As a parent and a grandparent, I know how very important it is to keep the kids busy doing positive things. For nearly a decade, the money from Wayne's golf tournament helped make kids better kids.

When I decided that I could carry on where Mayor Emmerson left off and organize the golf tournament, I did so with Wayne's blessings. Wayne, of all people, doesn't want to see this valuable event end.

Hopefully, with your support on Nov. 10th, I will be elected Mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville. A mayor should help the kids. The job demands it. So should the heart. In closing, I ask that we join 410 golfers to give retiring mayor Wayne Emmerson a standing ovation.

For more information regarding my mayoralty campaign call 416 574-3903



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