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## POLICE SNUFF OUT BUSH PARTIES

East-end Stouffvillites thank York police

BY JOAN RANSBERRY  
 Staff Writer

Nothing crashes a bush party like a helicopter, residents in Stouffville's south-east corner have learned.

Life in the Hoover Park Drive and Byers Pond Crescent area has returned to the way Melanie Salamon likes it: quiet and peaceful.

"Thanks to the police, our neighbourhood is the way we want it," Mrs. Salamon, of Hoover Park Drive, said. "It wasn't very pleasant before the police stepped in," she added.

It appears as if a police response plan, including the use of the York Regional Police helicopter, has rid the area of weekend bush parties. The same tactics have been used when similar parties popped up across the northern part of York Region.

While urban raves may be replacing the long-traditional bush parties of the past, youths in some parts of York Region have tried to keep the custom alive, York Region Police Chief Armand La Barge said. "We know they involve a lot of under-age drinking and mischief," he said.

Over the past two years, police were called to bush parties in Georgina, East Gwillimbury and Newmarket. Meanwhile, a field party held 16 months ago in Uxbridge proved fatal for a Stouffville man, Jessie Gray, 21, of

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LEADER, DEAL WITH DEVELOPERS QUESTIONED

## SAVE THE ROUGE UNDER FIRE

BY MIKE ADLER  
 Staff Writer

It's a deal Glenn De Baeremaeker says he'd make again.

The developers of Morningside Heights, a 593-acre area just south of Markham, reserved \$1 million for future restoration work and made other concessions in exchange for support from Save the Rouge Valley System, Mr. De

Baeremaeker's group.

"It's one of our greatest achievements," he said this week.

But the agreement he signed five years ago has lately cost the outspoken Mr. De Baeremaeker his staff, his office space and the respect of some other prominent Rouge River conservationists.

"You can't be on both sides of the fence," said Murray Johnston, pres-

ident of Rouge Valley Foundation, which, because of its objections to the deal, has asked Save the Rouge to leave its Scarborough home, Pearse House, by Dec. 31.

"We don't want the present Save the Rouge group affiliated with the foundation."

Mr. Johnston called the results of the Morningside development terrible for the river, with as many as

900 trees cut for construction and a tributary destroyed. "The whole thing was a mess."

Mr. De Baeremaeker, however, maintains Morningside was one of the best development agreements approved in the watershed, "an amazing package" that saved a threatened 15-acre woodlot and kept buildings 30 metres away from

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### PRE-GAME SALUTE

As Jennifer Thunem sings the national anthem, Stouffville Royal Canadian Legion Branch 459 members show the colours at the start of the Stouffville Spirit vs. Couchiching Terriers game at the Stouffville Arena Thursday. From left are Branch president John McCracken, Bob Lewis, Ann Robinson, Harold Tillyer, Bob Robinson and Sergeant at Arms Walter Maitland. The Legion hosts Remembrance Day services tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the Stouffville Cemetery and 2 p.m. at the Legion hall and Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Legion cenotaph. The Spirit lost 4-3. For more on the game see page 20.

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