

Elvis, mayor's gavel make list for new year

If wishes were horses, beggars would ride. But what would a New Year be without wishes — something on which to hang one's hat, a goal for which to strive. Here's my list (some with tongue in cheek) for 2004. I wish for:

- Mayor Sue Sherban — a gavel constructed of soft wood maple so as not to impact too heavily on the heads of fellow councillors.
- Mayoralty candidate Randy Mole — a belated Christmas card from developer Joe Lebovic.
- Town clerk Michele Kennedy — an office entrance sign reading "bother me anytime".
- Winnie Layland, executive assistant to the mayor — an enjoyable retirement plus time and a half for all extra hours incurred over the past 23 years.
- Town bylaw enforcement officer Keith Saunders — approval from the Attorney General's office for permission to carry a double-barrelled spray gun as self-defence against roving dog packs at Musselman's Lake.
- Music Town Ontario award recipient Wanda Stride — an invitation to pastor, play the organ and lead the choir at Toronto's Peoples Church.



Roaming Around

with Jim Thomas

— an appointment to the position of public relations supervisor, York Region District School Board.

Wayne Daniels and Wilf Morley — written approval from the town for a combined entertainment complex and seniors club on the site of the Lebovic Leisure Centre.

Stouffville figure skaters Kimberley Hord and Ayleshia Higgins — four gold and two gold medals, respectively, at the end of the current skating season.

Jim Rennie of Stouffville — the satisfaction of a dream come true, the pride of owning a 1929 Model A Ford.

STOUFFVILLE SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Keith Sutherland of Eastern Gate — approval from council to establish a Whitchurch-Stouffville sports hall of fame.

Stouffville sports enthusiast Cliff Dunkeld — a padded recliner attached to the Memorial Park grandstand and a portable bed suspended from the rafters of the arena.

Residents of Rupert Avenue, Stouffville — spike belts, 60 feet apart, between Elm Road and the Ninth Line.

Rod and Jan King — badges of honour for all staff members at Stouffville and Uxbridge Tim Hortons and notification these franchises have been selected as models of excellence for all sites across Canada.

An illuminated signboard at Ringwood — warning weekend motorists of Stouffville's red light district, extending from Palmwood Gate to Park Drive.

Joanna Reesor-McDowell and Ian Mackenzie — a red thermometer indicating completion of a successful fund-raising campaign and an immediate construction start on Stouffville's new Parkview Home.

Eric Ripp of Stouffville — father-of-the-year award for taking a sabbatical from his teaching career to serve as Mr. Mom to son Adam and daughter Kelly.

CHURCHES SHOULD SHUT DOWN

Pastors of all churches associated with the Stouffville Ministerial — cancellation of morning services on two occasions each year for the community worship during Strawberry Festival weekend and the Country Market service the last Sunday in December.

Frank, Jim and Bob Busato — a community thank you for generous donations of beautiful Christmas poinsettias to dozens of Stouffville area seniors.

Gord Wagg of Stouffville and Albie Shenfield of Markham — appreciation for organizing the very successful pre-Christmas coffee party at Stouffville's Royal Canadian Legion hall and to the Legion Ladies Auxiliary for serving a dinner fit for kings.

To you from me — a year filled with joy, happiness and contentment.

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Christmas dinner music

The Austrian Family Chorus of King City performs at the ninth annual Christmas day dinner at the Stouffville Country Market. More than 300 people enjoyed a turkey dinner and a visit from Santa Claus.

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