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## Play it safe? Sound advice often ignored

BY LISA QUEEN  
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Of course, people should heed those perpetual laws and studies designed to protect us from ourselves.

Well, other people should, anyway. Wear your bike helmet, buckle up in the car, stop smoking, practise safe sex, don't jaywalk, avoid speeding, don't swim at beaches contaminated with E. coli.

The endless list is simply sound advice, right? Any sensible person would listen, naturally.

Then why do so many of us have such a cavalier attitude when it comes to mundane safety practices?

Just look around any York Region neighbourhood, for example.

Despite an Ontario law requiring children to wear bicycle helmets, a quick glance down a residential street shows many youngsters still aren't wearing skid lids while on wheels. Even more wear them improperly.

While the Canadian Safety Council says 94 per cent of Ontario parents believe their children wear helmets, only a third of adult cyclists report taking the same precaution themselves, even though 97 per cent of people agree helmets prevent serious head injuries.

Obviously, cycling isn't the only activity where people fail to follow routine safety precautions.

York Regional Police are so concerned about pedestrians failing to obey simple rules of the road, putting their lives and the lives of drivers in jeopardy, they have launched a new safety blitz.

In just over a month, plainclothes officers patrolling high-risk areas have charged 22 pedestrians with offences such as jaywalking.

Staff Sgt. Tom Carrique said the campaign is aimed at putting an end to the alarming number of pedestrian fatalities in the region.

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## Taking it to the streets

Suze Joyce kicks it up in support of the drive for a theatre for the performing arts for Stouffville in front of the clock tower Monday. Several acts performed for passing audiences on Main Street. A proposal to turn the old town hall, located behind the tower, into a theatre goes back to council Sept. 7.

## POWER CENTRE DEVELOPER WANTS HWY. 48 LOCATION

# Build stores on Main St.: Mayor

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A developer proposing a commercial development including Wal-Mart, Canadian Tire and A&P south of Ringwood may be told, once again, to go back to the drawing board, Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Sue Sherban said.

Interest in the plans heightened when a for-sale sign for the attached industrial park appeared on the Hwy. 48 property.

While Geranium Corporation hopes to build a power centre made up of 13 stores on a 42-acre site, Mrs. Sherban wants the company to bring commercial development to Main Street as part of the agreement.

Whitchurch-Stouffville council will review the proposal at a meeting in late September or early October.

The plan also calls for a 42-acre industrial park. The two packages of lands are zoned industrial.

### 'SOMETHING SIGNIFICANT'

Mrs. Sherban said in an interview she's expecting the proponents to bring "something significant" for the industrial lands.

"I told them (Geranium Corp. officials) to go away and re-think what they had," she said. "I told them to come back when they had something for Main Street. I also want them to be more definite on the industrial lands. I want significant jobs and I want manufacturing on these industrial lands."

Meanwhile, preliminary negotiations are underway to have

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