



TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

"Country Lifestyle Close To The City"

NEW LIFESTYLE PROGRAMS!

Register Now at Lebovic!

Walk for Wellness Program

Thursdays 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm starting September 15 for 6 weeks. Explore some of the exciting pathways through forests right in our backyard. Different routes will be taken each week. \$25 each or \$55 family rate. Note walks are not appropriate for strollers due to terrain.

Bulge Busters

If you have always struggled with weight issues this is the program for you. An exercise physiologist will outline diet and exercise strategies for each individual to safely lose up to 10% of their weight. A fun environment will be created with weekly meetings to check progress, and discuss experiences. Wednesdays 7 - 8 pm for 11 weeks \$69. Regular exercise is a large part of the program, if you do not have the resources to exercise you might consider visiting Lebovic Leisure Centre for more information.

Kiddy Kickbox

Children ages 6 - 9 years old will love this active, energetic class that blends music and kickbox moves to increase fitness and coordination. This class is packed with FUN easy to follow co-operative games and movements to encourage kids in fitness. Thursdays 4 - 4:45 pm, 10 weeks for \$50.

Taoist Tai Chi

This exercise art form gently mobilizes every muscle and joint in the body. Improve circulation, co-ordination, muscle tone, flexibility, concentration and promote relaxation. This is an introduction to tai chi, great for all levels of fitness and great to promote wellness. Wednesdays starting Sept. 21, 8:05 - 9:05 pm, 11 week.

Fall Classic BMX and Stake Competition

Beginner and advanced categories

Saturday, September 17, 2005, 10am - 4pm,

8 - 11 years, beginner and advanced,

12-15 years, one class

Open class, Best Trick

Demonstrations by local talent. Lots of great prizes

Hosted by Leisure Services and sponsored by TNT Extreme Sports. Call 905.642.7529 for more information or drop by TNT Extreme Sports 6280 Main Street.

Music In the Park,

Sunday September 25, 1pm - 4pm

Memorial Park Pavillion

Join us for another day of great music performed by local musicians. Free childrens craft projects presented by the Latham Gallery. Snack bar will be open. For more information please call Micole at 905.642.7529 x 323

Fall registration is now underway. Register at the Lebovic Leisure Centre for our many Aquatic, preschool, childrens, Adult and Lifestyle programs. Program information is available on the Town website at www.townofws.com.

2005-2006 GARBAGE & RECYCLING SCHEDULE

THE NEW 2005-2006 GARBAGE & RECYCLING SCHEDULE HAS NOW BEEN ISSUED TO EACH HOUSEHOLD!

If you did not receive your schedule (which was issued in the Saturday September 3rd edition of the Stouffville Sun/Tribune) copies are available from the Town Offices, Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library or on our website at www.townofws.com.

Be sure to retain your copy for future reference!

New items now accepted in your blue box include:

All plastic bottles, jugs, food & beverage containers (identified with the numbers 1-7 - please rinse and separate lids from containers)

EMPTY Paint & Aerosol cans (please separate lids from cans)
Aluminum Foil & Trays

You can now combine all recyclables in your blue box! These materials will then be taken to York Region's new Waste Management Centre where they will be sorted for you!

PLEASE HAVE YOUR BLUE BOX CURBSIDE BY 7:00 AM ON COLLECTION DAY

Large Article Collection

Large Articles are now collected on Mondays once per month starting in September! Please refer to the collection schedule for your area's scheduled dates and guidelines for collection!

Residents are reminded that they are required to call Miller Waste Systems at 1-800-465-5914 TO ARRANGE FOR ALL LARGE ARTICLES TO BE PICKED UP.

Residents are requested to review the new schedule and if there are any questions or for further information, please contact the Public Works Department 905-640-1900 or 905-895-2423

INFORMATION ON BILL 132 CHANGES TO DOG OWNERS' LIABILITY ACT

The Act covers all breeds of dogs but has specific regulations for Pit Bull owners.

These changes came into effect on August 29, 2005, with a transition period of sixty days (until October 28/05) for pit bull owners to leash, muzzle and have the dog sterilized.

The definition of a "Pit Bull" includes:

- A Pit Bull Terrier
- A Staffordshire Bull Terrier
- An American Staffordshire Terrier
- An American Pit Bull Terrier, and
- A dog that has the appearance and physical characteristics that are substantially similar to those of dogs referred to above.

The following information is provided to help understand the legislation and does not constitute legal advice.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Now that the amendments are law, do I have to send my Pit Bull out of Ontario or have it euthanised?

Owners of Pit Bulls (owned in Ontario before the legislation becomes effective (August 29, 2005) or those born in Ontario within 90 days of the day that the legislation becomes effective) may keep their Pit Bulls, provided they comply with the new regulations.

2. Does my Pit Bull have to be muzzled and leashed?

Yes, after October 28, 2005, when a Pit Bull is off the owner's property, it must be muzzled and leashed (leash to be a maximum length of 1.8 metres)

3. Does my Pit Bull have to be sterilized?

Yes, a Pit Bull has to be sterilized by October 28, 2005 or before it is 36 weeks old. If a Pit Bull meets the requirements of a show dog, then it does not have to be sterilized.

4. What happens if a dog attacks or bites a domestic animal or person?

A proceeding under Part IX of the Provincial Offences Act may be commenced in the Ontario Court of Justice against the dog's owner. A proceeding may be commenced if:

- a) the dog has bitten or attacked a person or domestic animal;
- b) the dog has behaved in a manner that poses a menace to the safety of persons or domestic animals; or the owner did not exercise reasonable precautions to prevent the dog from:
 - (i) biting or attacking a person or domestic animal, or
 - (ii) behaving in a manner that poses a menace to the safety of persons or domestic animals.

If the court finds the dog has bitten or attacked a person or domestic animal, the court may order:

- a) that the dog be destroyed in the manner specified in the order; or
- b) that the owner of the dog take measures specified in the order for the more effective control of the dog.

Examples of measures for more effective control:

- a) Confining the dog on the owner's property.
- b) Restraining the dog by means of a leash.
- c) Restraining the dog by means of a muzzle.
- d) Posting warning signs.

However, if the court finds that a Pit Bull has bitten or attacked a person or domestic animal, or behaved in a manner that poses a menace to the safety of persons or domestic animals, or the owner contravened a provision of the Act, the court shall order the destruction of the Pit Bull.

The maximum fine has been increased to \$10,000.00 and/or six months in prison. A corporation can receive a maximum fine of \$60,000.00.

In addition to a fine, the court may order the person convicted to make compensation or restitution in relation to the offence.

5. Do I have to register my Pit Bull?

Yes, all dogs within the municipality have to be licenced.

6. I am being harassed when walking in public with my Pit Bull. What should I do?

The fact that the Provincial government has chosen to ban Pit Bulls is no justification for harassment of pit bull owners. A Pit Bull owner, who is subject to harassment that may constitute criminal activity and/or fear for their safety, should contact the police.

7. What if I want to complain about a dog? Who do I call?

Animal Control at 1-800-898-8606

For further information contact the By-Law Enforcement Department:

(905) 640-1910 or

(905) 895-5299 ext. 254/258

For complete details on the Dog Owners Liability Act:

www.e-laws.gov.on.ca

LIBRARY

Upcoming Children's Programs at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library. Pre-registration is required.

Musical Discoveries

10:15 - 11:00 am

Wednesdays, September 21 - November 23

Age 3-5 yrs - \$60/child/10 weeks

PA Day Craft

Friday, September 23, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Age 6+ - \$2/child

Thanksgiving Craft

Tuesday, October 4, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Age 6+ - \$2/child

Confident Girls and Guys

Saturday, October 22, 1 - 4:30 pm

Age 8 - 12 (girls) - \$45

(program for boys and teens in November)

Upcoming Adult Programmes

Book Discussion Group

Meets alternate Wednesday evenings

September 7, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Admission is free

NEW afternoon Book Club Start-up Meeting

Tuesday, September 20, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Admission is free

How to Make Your Home More Energy Efficient and Comfortable

Thursday, October 13, 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Admission is pay what you can

Discover Workshop for ages 15-30

Monday - Thursday, October 17-20, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Admission is free

Pre-registration is necessary

Local Author - Barbara Frackowiak

Will read from her novel; Call Waiting

Tuesday, October 18, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Admission is free

Book Discussion: A Complicated Kindness

Co-hosted with the Community Mennonite Church

Thursday, October 27, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Admission is pay what you can

Wealth Wisdom Workshop

Saturday, October 29, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Cost is \$125, plus gst

Pre-registration is necessary

TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE TAX SCHEDULE

THE FINAL INSTALMENT OF REALTY TAXES IS DUE SEPTEMBER 23, 2005 AND

2005 FINAL COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL & MULTI-RESIDENTIAL TAX BILLS

1st Instalment Due - September 23, 2005

2nd Instalment Due - October 21, 2005

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL & MULTI-RESIDENTIAL TAX bills have now been mailed. Ratepayers who have not received their bills should make immediate application to the Municipal Tax Department.

THE PENALTY charged for non-payment of 2005 taxes is one and one-quarter (1 1/4) percent imposed on the first day of default and on the first day of each month thereafter.

FAILURE TO receive a tax bill does not eliminate the responsibility for payment of taxes nor the penalty charges for late payment.

TAX PAYMENTS may be made by mail, or in person at the Town Office and at most Financial Institutions through tellers, banking machines, by telephone and Internet banking. Banking fees may apply. Penalty will be charged and added to your tax account at our office on payments made at the bank after the due dates. After hours tax payments may be left in the drop box at the front west entrance door of the Imperial Building (37 Sandiford Drive).

VACANCY REBATE APPLICATIONS are available at the Town offices during business hours for any commercial or industrial properties that have been vacant for 90 consecutive days. The deadline for submitting the application for the 2005 taxation year is February 28, 2006.

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY TO FRIDAY: 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

905-640-1900 / 905-895-2423

37 Sandiford Drive 4th Floor, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 7X5

Ruth Armstrong, AMCT, CMTC
Tax Collector

In response to Hurricane Katrina, which has devastated the Coast of Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi, The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will be accepting donations to assist in the relief effort. Donations can be made at any of the town offices. Your support means so much to so many.