



TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

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2006 INTERIM PROPERT TAX BILLS

1st Installment Due - February 24, 2006
2nd Installment Due - April 21, 2006

INTERIM TAX bills have now been mailed. Ratepayers who have not received their bills should contact the Municipal Tax Department as soon as possible. Failure to receive a tax bill does not eliminate the responsibility for payment of taxes or the penalty charges for late payment.

TAX PAYMENTS may be made by mail, or in person at the Town Office, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor, and at most Financial Institutions through tellers, banking machines and by telephone and Internet banking. Banking fees may apply. After hours, tax payments may be made in the drop box at the front west entrance door of the Imperial Building (37 Sandiford Drive).

When paying tax instalments by Telephone, Internet and Bank Machines, please ensure that the **ROLL NUMBER AS SHOWN ON YOUR TAX BILL** is used.

APPEALING THE CURRENT MARKET VALUE ASSESSMENT on your property must be done before the deadline of **March 31, 2006**. Please direct questions regarding assessments to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) at 1-866-296-6722. Appeal forms are available at the Town offices.

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**.

Ruth Armstrong,
Tax Collector AMCT, CMTC

RECRUITMENT

SEASONAL CONTRACT STAFF - PARKS

Hours of Work: 40 hours per week (rotating shifts including days, evenings, weekends, holidays and possible on-call)
Wage Rate: \$15.969 per hour / \$16.448 after April 1, 2006
Number of Positions: 4
Length of Term: 8 Months
Union: CUPE Local 905
Department: Leisure Services
Reports To: Parks Supervisor

Summary of Duties:
Seasonal contract staff will be responsible to perform maintenance and repair work related to park, open space, water course and facility areas within the Town including the operation of various mowers, trimmers, trucks and tractors. Job duties will include: assigned snow removal/salting operations, turf/sports field maintenance, park furniture/equipment inspection, maintenance and repair, horticultural/planting programs and maintenance, washroom inspections and maintenance, completion of work-related checklists and supervision of part-time park staff.

Qualifications:
Preference will be given to candidates with previous training and/or practical experience in parks, horticultural or landscape work. The successful candidates must have a valid and unrestricted Ontario class G driver's license (standard and automatic transmission) with a driving record that demonstrates responsible and safe driving behavior. The successful applicant will be required to provide the Corporation with a current drivers abstract (no older than 30 days) prior to assuming the position. Candidates must be physically able to perform all duties of this physically active position including heavy lifting.

Please submit your resume, by Friday, February 17, 2006 to: Administrative Assistant, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, 37 Sandiford Dr., 4th Floor, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 7Z5 or email to: chris.paule@townofws.com

For further information, please contact Mr. Rob Raycroft, Manager, Facilities and Parks at (905) 640-1910 Ext. 290. We thank all applicants and advise only those selected for an interview will be contacted by February 23, 2006.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY: SKILLS, DRILLS & POWER SKATING

- Improve skating, puckhandling, passing and shooting
- Develop individual skills specific to forward and defence
- Develop understanding of play specific to forward and defence

Tuesday mornings starting Tues. Jan. 31st at 9:30am-11am at the Stouffville Arena, Pad B

Participants can register for the program at the Leisure Centre. Please use the following barcode to register - 7460. Cost - \$70.00 for 6 weeks. Program Runs - Jan 31, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 and March 7, 2006.

ATTENTION ALL DAYCARES, CAMPS, SUMMER ACTIVITY GROUPS

Are you looking for exclusive swim time for your group this summer? You can come for recreational swim time or for lessons. We are now accepting requests for permits for the outdoor pool. Permits also include Qualified Aquatic staff to ensure the safety of your group.

For more information and available times, please call 905.642.7529 and ask for Stacey (x320) or Micole (x323)

DOORS OPEN WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE "CELEBRATING OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE PLACE"

COLOURING CONTEST

For children up to 12 years.
Entry forms available at www.DoorsOpenWS.ca, the Town Hall, Lebovic Leisure Centre, Stouffville GO Station and the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum.
Deadline: Monday, February 13th at 4:30 pm at one of the above locations.
Prizes will be awarded for first, second and people's choice in 5 age categories during the Council meeting on the evening of February 21st. All the entries will be displayed at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum from February 16th to March 3rd, 2006.

SPECIAL MUSEUM WEEKEND OPEN HOUSE

Special Museum Weekend Open House to celebrate Heritage Week 2006 1:00 - 5:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday, February 18 and 19. Enjoy our young people's artistic talents by touring the display of Doors Open Whitchurch-Stouffville Colouring Contest entries.

- Try some hands-on craft activities in our drop-in centre.
- Tour the Museum's restored heritage buildings.
- AND cast your vote for the People's Choice awards in the Colouring Contest.

Admission is FREE (Donations gratefully accepted). The Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum is located at 14732 Woodbine Avenue, 3 km north of Bloomington Road in the historic hamlet of Vandorf. For more information, call 905-727-8954 or 1-888-290-0337 or visit www.townofws.com/museum/.



SMOKE ALARMS

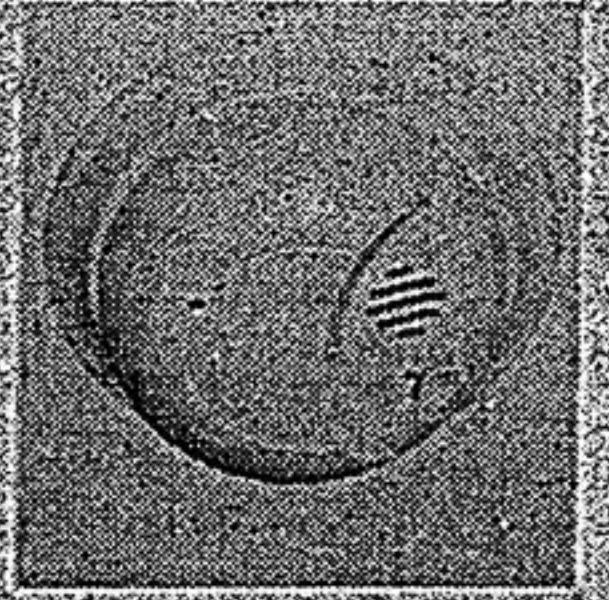
BE AWARE OF CHANGES TO THE LAW

Effective March 1st 2006 new smoke alarm legislation will take effect.

This legislation will require every home to have a working smoke alarm on every level (including the basement) and outside every sleeping area.

If you have any questions contact Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire & Emergency Services, Fire Prevention Division

Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm
(905) 640-4920



It is a proven fact that working smoke alarms save lives.

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY!

CLEANING OUT?

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library is looking for books, both paperbacks and hard covers (children and adult materials) for their annual book sale to be held at the end of March 2006. Profits from this sale will go toward programming, equipment and new books for the library. If you have items to donate, please contact Carolyn Nordheimer James to arrange drop off times (905) 642-7323.



A Blooming Great Affair!

January 21st, 2006

Thank You!

I would like to thank the following participants for their commitment and support of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Country in Blooms!

Artists	Actors
Diane Ward	Barb Scaife
Sandra Burke	Sharon Baxter
Diane Passafiume	Colleen Clarke
Elaine Flanagan	Josie Schwarzli
	Ruth LeBlanc
	Michele Kennedy
	Denise Martin
	Denis Flanagan
	Angie Cumbers
	Jim Brazier
	Sharon Brazier

Sponsors	Special Thanks
Canadian Tire Stouffville	Mary Lynn & Richard Warr
Stouffville Sun/Tribune	Susan Winn
The Stouffville Lions	Debi & Mike Paterson

Committee
Ruth LeBlanc
Maureen Wood
Sarah Wilson
Diane Ward
Michele Kennedy
Denise Martin
Denis Flanagan
Rob Raycroft

Donations
Sheridan Nurseries - Unionville
Stevens Large Trees
Scribbles & Fame
Living Lighting Markham
Mayor's Golf Challenge
Michele Kennedy
Healing Force
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
Stouffville Car Wash
Schell Lumber
Target Sports
L & M Gardens
The Backyard Naturalist
Ingrid Brooks
Timber Creek
Denise Martin Royal LePage
Pete Sherban
Kim Roberts
Bob Staley
Stouffville Country Market
A&P Stouffville
Stouffville Sobeyes



"I LIVE WITH INITIATIVE: I will recognize what needs to be done and do it, without prompting from others"