

# Police remain 'visible' at arena

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cleaned up garbage and shovelled snow. One resident replaced boards around the base of the rink. Others drop by the store with cheques to help defray expenses.

"People really appreciate it and are helping with it," he said.

A roof was put on the rink in 2003, allowing it to be used for ball hockey in the summer.

More than \$40,000 of the \$50,000 cost of the project was raised through the sale of advertising sign boards to local businesses and individuals. In addition, many local companies, clubs and groups donated their time, materials and gave money, including the Buttermakers softball team, LaFarge Canada, Schell Lumber and the Stouffville Amateur Hockey League.

Things also got out of hand last weekend at the Stouffville Arena. After a

game Friday night between Stouffville and Nobleton's midget hockey teams, some Stouffville fans and an opposing player exchanged words in the parking lot. A fight ensued. Police were called, but no charges were laid. By the time officers arrived, a large crowd had gathered, York Regional Police Det. Sgt. John Southwell, said.

On the same night, one young person, who had been drinking, was taken home by police, but no charges were laid.

Police were also present at the Stouffville Spirit Jr. A game Saturday night. Parents of youths caught drinking were called by the police to pick up their children.

"We are reviewing the incidents from last week and will be very pro-active in preventing this from happening again this weekend," Det. Sgt. Southwell added. "We have tried to make an effort to be very visible (in Stouffville)."



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