

Books flooding in for library sale

With a scant two weeks to go, the book storage area for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library's giant book sale is resembling an organized explosion.

"Books are still coming in," library CEO Carolyn Nordheimer said.

Local residents and even some from Markham haven't been shy in donating their books, CDs, DVDs and videos. The library is counting on donors to make sure all materials are in good working order.

A number of LP records have also come in for the sale, which is the library's major fundraiser of the year.

John Relph, who heads the book sale committee, has been kept hopping to make sure everything runs smoothly. Pat Tipson and other committee members are in the process of sorting all the books and materials.

With numerous high school student volunteers, several service clubs and residents and library staff pitching in, "it really is a community effort," Ms Nordheimer said.

More volunteers are needed closer to the dates of the sale and for the sale itself, she noted.

The sale begins with a Collector's Hour March 29 from 7 to 8 p.m. for those who want to get the best selection. Admission is \$15.

The book sale itself, with free admission, runs from March 30 to April 2 in the Lebovic Centre. Book sale hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. March 30 and 31; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 1 and noon to 4 p.m. April 2.

Anyone who wants to volunteer or would like to donate books or other items for the sale, call Ms Nordheimer at the library at 905-642-7323, ext. 223.

Whitchurch-Stouffville gets new image

You'll be seeing the town's blue and gold colours and town crest more often

Test well for World Water Day

In recognition of World Water Day, the region is reminding residents relying on well water to have their supply tested.

To make testing more convenient, health inspectors will be on hand at the Georgina Civic Centre and York Region Health Services Offices in Richmond Hill, Markham and Newmarket Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Private well owners dropping off a water sample will receive a free well information kit and promotional items.

Health services recommends testing your well water three times each year, in the spring, summer and fall.

It should also be tested after any repairs or flooding, if the well has been dormant or if there is a change in water appearance, colour or odour.

Testing is available free of charge to owners of private wells. Results from private water tests are sent to the well owner and the local public health office.

Entertainer goes global

Children's entertainer Chris McKhool will be performing songs about the environment and the global village throughout March Break.

In his Earth, Sea and Air shows, he takes his audience to a new level of understanding of our connection to forests, water and animals. Mr. McKhool will be at Kortright Centre today and tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Our Town

with Hannelore Volpe

as Whitchurch-Stouffville gets set to put newly designed signs in its parks, on its off-road trails and in front of its facilities.

The signs will reflect a new corporate image and be uniform throughout the municipality.

That means standardizing colours, print styles and including such elements

as the town's Country Lifestyle Close to the City slogan and its coat of arms.

One recommendation from town staff is to have the park or facility name carved into the sign board and painted with reflective gold leaf paint.

There are currently no standards for town signs, so they haven't had to be consistent in appearance.

Council gave the go-ahead last week for the town to seek a company to design, build and install the signs throughout Whitchurch-Stouffville.

In future, the concept of municipal

branding, as it's known, could be extended to local entrance signs, service group signs, the town's letterhead, the town's website and town page and promotional material.

There are no plans to replace the sign at the Stouffville Arena soon, however. That will be done when the existing sign is at the end of its life cycle.

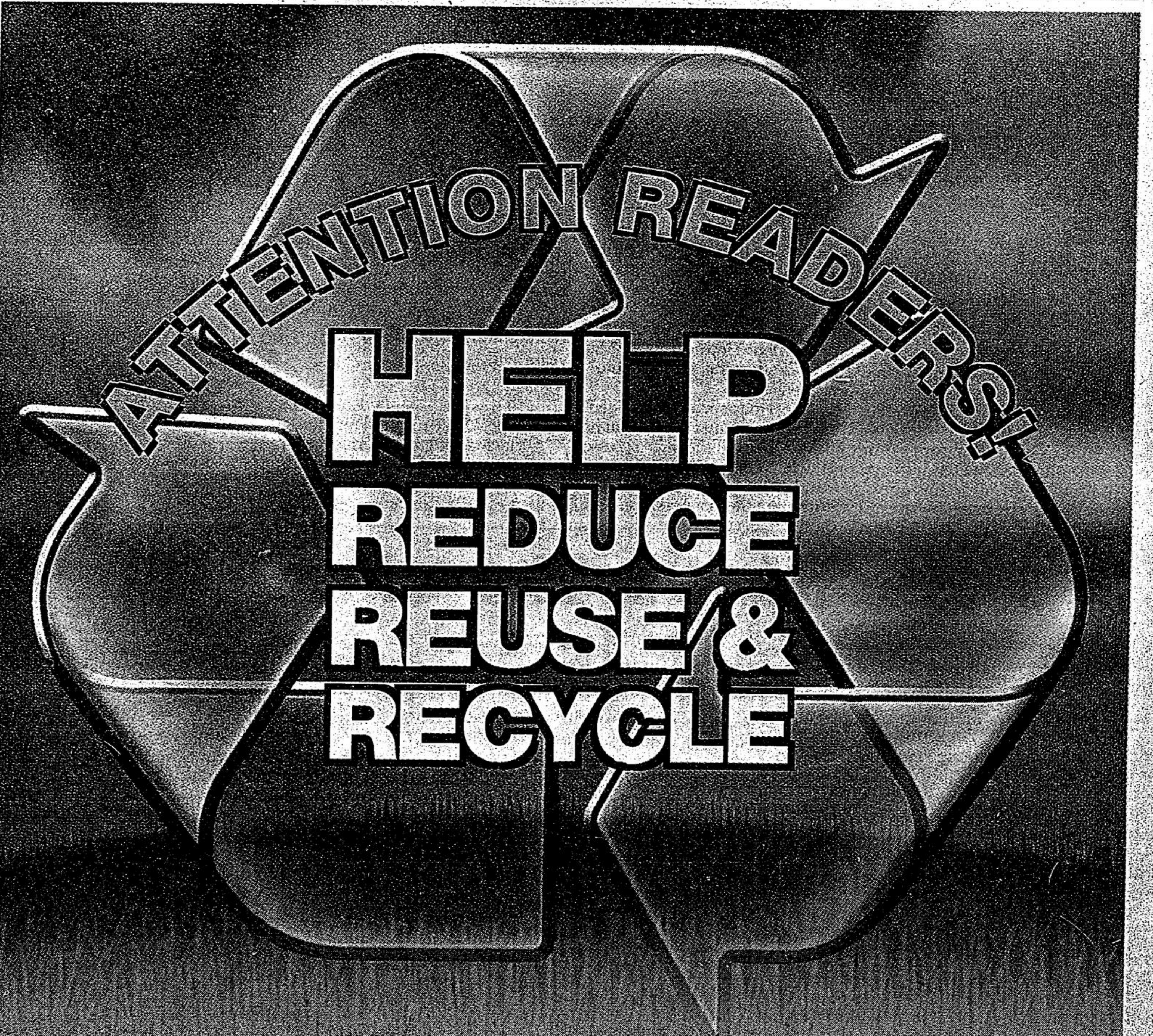
The name Whitchurch-Stouffville is also to be painted on the water tower being constructed to service the community of Stouffville located on Bethesda Road east of the Tenth Line.

You don't have to be on the street! Are you 15-19 years old and need a place to stay while you sort things out?



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