

Stouffville Says

By Hannelore Volpe

In light of skyrocketing electricity prices, how are you planning to cut your hydro bills this summer?

Gay BLUNDON



John SEHN



Ashley SMITH



Alice HO



We just turn our air conditioner on when it is absolutely necessary and we do a lot of barbecuing.

I hardly use the air conditioning, I use ceiling fans instead.

We don't have air conditioning, purposely to save energy. We sleep downstairs when it is really hot so we don't have to run the fans too much.

You have to be more conscientious with your lights. The children usually leave the lights on so I follow them and check if they have turned them off. People should look into whether automatic settings on their appliances could save energy.

— Asked in A&P in Stouffville

Library volunteers honoured

Monica van Maris has been recognized for her efforts in helping build a strong library for Whitchurch-Stouffville. She received a 25-year Ontario Volunteer Award from the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration in Richmond Hill earlier this month.

The area resident has been a member of the Whitchurch-Stouffville public library board since 1981. During this time Ms van Maris was chairperson of the board for eight years and again since 2003. She has been a member of various committees including the book sale fundraising committee, which raises about \$12,000 annually to develop library services.

Her efforts have resulted in greatly-increased growth in library programs and services.

Ms van Maris was instrumental in raising funds for the new library facility that opened in 2001, library CEO Carolyn Nordheimer said.

Three other Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library volunteers were recognized at the awards ceremony.

Patricia Tipson, who has served as chair of the library committee, has been a member of the Book Sale Fund Raising Committee of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library for 10 years. She was acknowledged for 10 years of volunteer service.

Monica van Maris and Patricia Tipson are the library board's mother-daughter team, Ms Nordheimer noted.

Janet Reid joined the library board shortly after the opening of the new library in 2001 and helped to ease the transition, Ms Nordheimer said.

Ms Reid is the Whitchurch-Stouffville board representative to Southern Ontario Library Services.

Deborah McNeeley has served as vice-chair of the board since 2003. She headed the board's hiring committee which recruited a new Chief Executive Officer in 2005.

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