

# Stouffville Sun-Tribune

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2006 ■ SERVING THE COMMUNITY OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE ■ 24 PAGES/\$1 INCLUDING GST



**17** Young judo star to nationals with special exemption

Jim Thomas	5
Opinion	6
Calendar	18
Classified	19

## Downtown arts centre just a start: candidate

BY HANNELORE VOLPE  
Staff Writer

Richard Bartley wants to preserve Stouffville's small-town atmosphere while enhancing its downtown area and making the town more responsive to residents' needs.

That's why he's running for the post of Ward 5 Councillor in the Nov. 13 municipal election. Fighting for the same seat are Councillor Harry Bowes, who is seeking his third term of office, and John Relph.

The father of three daughters, Bianca, 17, Brittany, 14, and nine-year-old Kori, Mr. Bartley has coached hockey and soccer for many years. He's been married to Marty for 22 years and works in sales for Williamson Motors in Uxbridge.

Born and raised in Stouffville, Mr. Bartley wants others, including future residents, to have the same opportunities he had. He played hockey since he was five years old, reaching the Jr. C level, and spent many summer days at the outdoor pool and town park.

Memorial Park should be maintained or even enhanced, he noted.

Before any more development occurs, Mr. Bartley would like the town to take a step back and review if there is enough infrastructure and leisure facilities planned for future residents.

As a first-time politician, he's vowing not to do all the talking.

"I want to hear from the people of the town," he said.

And what he's been hearing from them include perennial concerns about vandalism and the snarled traffic along Main Street. Mr. Bartley



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

## Festive challenge

A big fat juicy strawberry is the reward held by Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Sue Sherban if daughter Lisa can keep her balance on a skateboard rail in the skate park in preparation for the 22nd annual Strawberry Festival. The festival opened last night and runs through the Canada Day weekend. For more information, go to [strawberryfestival.ca](http://strawberryfestival.ca)

## MAIN STREET TOO NARROW FOR TANDEM TRAILERS

## Merchants welcome downtown truck ban

BY HANNELORE VOLPE  
Staff Writer

It has only been a month since signs went up warning truckers to avoid Stouffville's Main Street.

And so far, it looks like the fledgling ban on heavy trucks is working.

Linda Sargeant of Lindy's Floral Boutique has noticed fewer trucks in the past month.

"I notice the traffic moves a lot better," she said.

Occasionally, she'll see a dump truck travelling through town early in the morning, but she hasn't seen big tandem trucks she said.

At The Main Course restaurant, heavy truck traffic was always a concern said owner Uma Yokerathinam, who is pleased that the ban has been put in place.

The road is too narrow for such large vehicles, she said, and some of them would speed through town.

After years of complaints from local residents, the Stouffville Business Improvement Area concluded Main Street isn't suited for large trucks.

That led them to lobby the town for a truck ban, which led to council quietly passing a bylaw last February.

Signs banning truck traffic on Main Street went up at Ninth and Tenth lines about a month ago.

Delivery trucks used by local businesses on Main Street are exempt from the ban.

"We want to develop the down-

See POLICE, page 14.

See RESIDENTS, page 15.

24hr Drive thru  
McDonald's

**STOUFFVILLE Family Dentistry**  
(905) 642-7474  
[www.smileclinic.ca](http://www.smileclinic.ca)  
6212 Main St.  
East of the Train Station

**Dr. Sheldon Lazier**  
**Dr. Waseema Ali**  
**Dr. Dina Ghobrial**  
**Dr. Dan Kobric**  
**Ed Edwards Denturist**

Enjoy the Strawberry Festival  
**Barthau Jewellers**  
6312 Main St.  
Stouffville  
(905) 640-4646  
[www.barthaujewellers.com](http://www.barthaujewellers.com)