

Your Christmas tree's days are numbered

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Pitch those trees.

You have a week or less to enjoy your Christmas tree, if you want it picked up by the town.

Your regular garbage collection day next week is also your Christmas tree pickup day.

For example, if your garbage is usually picked up Tuesday, you can put that slightly ragged-looking tree on the curb Jan. 9 for pickup.

All decorations have to be removed and the tree can't be bagged. If it's taller than six feet (1.8 meters), be sure to cut it in half.

The town picked up fewer trees last year than the year before: 1,450 trees were sent to the Bloomington Road composting facility at the beginning of 2006 while 1,546 were picked up in 2005.

The public works depart-

ment advises trees should be on the curb before 7 a.m. on your pickup day.

In previous years, when there have been high snowdrifts, trees put out too late were still there when the snow melted away in the spring.

Better overnight fire protection

The New Year brings the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville 11 new volunteer firefighters.

And that means better service, particularly for rural residents.

The part-timers recently completed their training with Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire and Emergency Services, bringing the total number of part-time firefighters to 50. That means there is a larger pool to draw from between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m.

The volunteers take over after full-time firefighters have finished their shifts.

There are 14 full-time firefighters working from the Stouffville and Ballantrae fire stations.

The new recruits have completed the same three-month basic training as full-time firefighters. They learn how to respond to medical emergencies, put out fires, extricate people from vehicles in accidents and do a variety of rescues. The training program was led by Cap-

tain Tom Brillinger.

The fire and emergency services department has traditionally found it more difficult to recruit firefighters for rural areas.

The additional recruits will be an asset to the department, particularly in responding to emergencies and fires in rural areas, Deputy Chief Rob McKenzie said.

Maps and paintings at Latcham Gallery

Elora artist Phil Irish

incorporates other people's maps into his evocative paintings.

His one-man show is at the Latcham Gallery from Jan. 13 until Feb. 17, with the opening reception on Jan. 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. The artist will give a talk at 2 p.m.

During the show, he'll have a cartographers' lounge area set up where visitors can draw maps of what's meaningful to them, whether it be the route to their home or work, a place where a loved one is buried or events signifi-

cant to them.

Mr. Irish set up a similar lounge as part of his exhibition during this summer's Toronto Alternative Art Fair International.

The artist will lead the next family fun day at the gallery Jan. 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. The event is sponsored by the RBC.

For more information, log on to www.philirish.com

The Latcham Gallery is at 6240 Main St. Call 905-640-8954 for more information.

Severe Neck or Back Pain?

It appears that a technology exists that may show hope for people suffering from herniated, bulging and slipped discs, cases with arthritis and degenerative back conditions, and cases that may be on their way to elective surgery.

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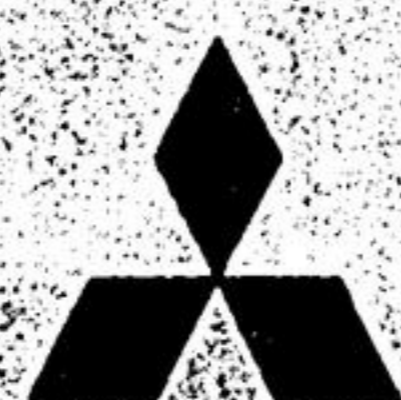
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