

Sun-Tribune people

John Derringer (left) and his brother and radio sidekick, Bill Hayes, on the air in Stouffville yesterday morning.



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There goes the neighbourhood

Hoover Park Drive could be back to normal today.

The south Stouffville street was a carnival yesterday.

Q107 morning man John Derringer, a Whitchurch-Stouffville resident, brought his Derringer's Tour Of The Neighbourhood to town.

The Knaz family of Hoover Park won a home renovation, including a hot tub, barbecue, home entertainment system, two leather club chairs and a \$1,000 gift certificate.

Joanne and Andy Knaz entered online, then defeated an Oakville family in an on-air ball hockey



Jim Mason

challenge Thursday morning at Ricoh Coliseum in Toronto. Team Stouffville won 3-0, with Carolina Hurricanes prospect Bobby Hughes doing all the scoring.

Friday, The Q107 house band, Michael White's Animal House, performed in their family room.

Derringer and crew were in the living room. The front yard was filled with more onlookers than a garage sale.

Stouffville residents set a record at the drive-thru on the street, draining the coffee urns and filling out 450 entries for a trip for two to the Dominican Republic.

Lynyrd Skynrd and Zeppelin tunes drifted through the neighbourhood.

I somehow got into the act when Derringer and his side-

kick/brother Bill Hayes handed me a mic and quizzed on the benefits of Stouffville living and the history of our fine town.

"Is there a Whitchurch?" Bill asked.

Police officers handing out tickets is as exciting as it gets in Vandorf, near Derringer's home, he said.

Mayor Wayne Emmerson stopped in with official greetings.

A fire crew even popped by.

"Now, all we need is York Regional Police here," said Derringer, before taking the short ride home on his Harley.



Contest winner Joanne Knaz (from left) sits in with Michael White and Animal House, Michael White, Danny Bilan and Steve Jensen, in her family room.



Diane Jupp receives a coffee from Q's Phil Ballard, as Hoover Park Drive is turned into a drive-thru yesterday.

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Dogs should get space in new-look park: owner

Peter Mitchell is speaking for those who can't talk: the 1,500 registered dogs in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

He wants an off-leash dog park included in plans for Stouffville Memorial Park.

A forum and open house to discuss the final draft of plans for the downtown park will be held Monday from 7 to 10 p.m. at EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church.

"The ... plan ... provides for (soft)ball, walkers, joggers, skateboarders, lawn bowlers, soccer players, swimmers, tennis players and more," said Mr. Mitchell on posters with the headline "Dog owners ignored again".

"But it does not include an off-leash dog park."

The elimination of ball diamonds and the extension of roads through the park came under fire from residents at previous meetings.

For more information on the plan, go to memorialandbethesda.parks.ca

Free Family Fun returns

Looking for a family night out, free of charge?

You're invited to Free Family Fun night, May 25 from 6 to 9:45 p.m. at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library and Lebovic Leisure Centre.

Multiverse hosts games and puzzles from 6 to 8:45.

Family Nordic walking is on from 6:30 to 7:30. Family swimming goes from 6:35 to 8.

The Disney movie *Bridge to Terabithia* is on from 7:15 to 9:45.

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