Samaritans nab drunk driver

You can get involved by calling 911

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Two residents are credited with alerting York Regional Police to an allegedly impaired driver in East Gwillimbury early Sunday morning.

At about 3:15 a.m., the Good Samaritans called after spotting a driver headed north on Yonge Street near Davis Drive in Newmarket.

The callers told police the vehicle was swerving all over the road, hitting the curb at different times.

Cruisers were dispatched from the Newmarket station and boxed the vehicle in at Hwy. 11 and Bathurst Street, where the roads converge near the King Township/East Gwillimbury border.

The arrest came in the second full week of the Safe Roads ... Your Call initiative, which encourages you to call 911 when you spot a suspected impaired driver.

"We're trying to get people over that intimidation they may feel (about calling police) in a suspected impaired driving situation," traffic bureau Sgt. Brad Bulmer said.

Since the program was launched June 28, York police have received 75 calls resulting in 14 impaired driving-related arrests from residents reporting drivers suspected to be drunk or on drugs.

"Those are 14 impaired drivers that could have gone completely undetected," Sgt. Bulmer said, adding the program also sends a message to those who drive under the influence: "The eyes are upon you and they are eyes that are willing to take action."

About 48 hours after the launch of the program, an employee at an electronics company in Vaughan served a man who he believed to be drunk.

When the man drove away, the employee called 911 and police collared the man for impaired driving in the Weston and Rutherford roads area.

On Canada Day, another caller reported a suspected impaired driver had run into parked vehicles on Charles Alfred Crescent in the McCowan Road and Steeles Avenue area of Markham.

When officers arrived, they found a 27-year-old man had hit a vehicle in a driveway.

He was busted for impaired driving and failing to remain at the scene of an accident.

When developing the local program — which is being run in partnership with MADD Canada's York Region chapter, the region and its nine municipalities — Sgt. Bulmer decided signs already appearing along some roads needed to be readable to everyone in a diverse community.

A number of international logos — a key with a martini glass, a telephone and the numbers 9-1-1 — were decided to be best.

Twelve four-foot by four-foot signs will eventually go up in 70 and 80 km/h zones, while 50 two-foot by two-foot signs will go up in 60 km/h areas.

They have been purchased by MADD Canada's York Region chapter.

"Over the summer, they'll be popping up all over the place," he said.

Noticing a trend of motorists calling in to report suspected impaired drivers during the annual festive RIDE program this winter, Sgt. Bulmer concluded if that help could be harnessed year-round, it could potentially get another 150 impaired drivers off the streets.

"This campaign is about each one of us taking responsibility for the community and our safety as a whole," Chief Armand La Barge said in a statement.

Dmitriy Pak, 33, of Newmarket is charged with the impaired operation of a motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol level over 80 milligrams after Sunday's traffic stop in East Gwillimbury.

Think You've Heard It All?

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Pre-Qualification of General Contractors

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville proposes to renovate and restore the Old Town Hall Building located at 19 Civic Avenue in Downtown Stouffville. The building is a two-storey brick structure that has been designated as having historic and/or architectural value or interest under the authority of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990. The project will involve exterior restoration, renovation of the interior and the addition of a one-storey structure. Total area of the project is approximately 613 square metres (6,600 sq. ft.). Only General Contractors with direct experience in heritage/institutional projects will be considered.

Construction value is estimated to be $1.7 million and the work is intended to begin in October, 2007. General Contractors must pre-qualify by submitting the following:

- Fully completed CCDC Document 11- latest edition
- Legal Name and address of company
- Company profile including number of employees, years in business
- A commitment letter
- Letter from a nationally recognized Surety Company stating total bonding limit, current bonding committed, and confirming availability of required bonding for this project – 50% Performance Bond, and 50% Labour and Material Payment Bond for a project cost of $1.7 Million
- Letter from the applicant's Insurance Company stating liability coverage
- A summary of any or all litigation involving the proponent
- A detailed description of the proponent's Health and Safety policy
- WSIB Letter of Clearance and most recent WSIB CAD-7 Calculation Profile forms
- Resume of Contractor's proposed project manager and superintendent
- Summary description of at least 3 similar projects involving significant heritage buildings undertaken within the last five years including up-to-date client contact information of similar projects previously or currently undertaken within the last two years

Pre-qualification information shall be submitted to the Project Manager below by Monday, July 23, 2007, by 4:30 p.m., local time, in a sealed envelope, by original hard copy submission only, labeled:

Old Town Hall Building Renovation/Restoration
Pre-Qualification of General Contractors
Design Connection International Inc.
5177 Erin 3rd Line R.R. #2
Acton, Ontario L7J 2L8
Phone: 519-853-3200

Questions regarding the nature of the project are to be directed to:

Design Connection International Inc.
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Attention: Mr. David Dautovich
Phone: 519-853-3200
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Submissions received after the closing deadline will not be accepted.

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville reserves the right to accept or reject any or all submissions that they deem at their sole discretion to be suitable and qualified for the project. The Owner's decision is final. This pre-qualification process does not constitute any obligation on the part of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville to enter into contract with any proponent.

Durham/York Residual Waste Environmental Assessment Study
Public Information Session

PUBLIC NOTICE

Study Update Meeting

The Regions of Durham and York are participating in a joint waste study to find a better way to manage the residual waste (i.e. garbage) remaining after diversion efforts, such as recycling and composting. Through the Joint Waste Management Group, the two municipalities are addressing the social, environmental and financial impacts of this waste issue by way of an "Individual" Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Provincial EA Act. The preferred technology for managing Durham and York Regions' residual waste has been identified as thermal treatment coupled with energy generation. A short-list of sites has been identified and evaluations are underway to select the preferred site using criteria and priorities developed during earlier stages of the EA. One of the short-listed sites is located on Garfield Wright Boulevard in the Town of East Gwillimbury.

On July 24th, 2007, York Region will be hosting an information session to present and discuss the progress of the EA to date and highlight findings of the generic health and ecological risk study.

For more information on the Durham/York Residual Waste EA Study, please visit the study website at www.durhamyorkwaste.ca.

The Information Session regarding the proposed energy-from-waste facility will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
A formal presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 24, 2007
York Region Administrative Centre
Seminar Room
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket
Please register in advance of this session by calling 1-866-398-4423.

For more information on the Durham/York Residual Waste EA Study, please visit www.durhamyorkwaste.ca or call 1-866-398-4423..

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