

### Shorter route for Stouffville Santa parade

Santa will have a shorter trek through Stouffville this year.

The Stouffville Kinsmen Club is hosting its annual Santa parade Saturday, Dec. 6, starting at 2 p.m.

The parade begins at its usual spot, Tenth Line and Aintree Drive, heads south to Main Street and west through downtown Stouffville.

The change, announced yesterday, is the end spot, which has been moved east to Main Street and West Lawn Crescent/Weldon Road.

This year's theme is "A Musical Christmas".

Some entries are in, including the popular and colourful Uxbridge Royal Canadian Legion pipe band and Rameses Shriners.

The Sun-Tribune will have an entry.

Whitchurch-Stouffville schools, sports teams, charities, business and clubs usually enter floats.

There's still time to enter.

Parade co-chairpersons are Kinsmen Steve Sutter and Rob Pizzale.

To enter the parade or for more information, call 905-642-4819 or 416-845-0579.

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**Phantoms are Afoot in Ontario!**

If you've never heard of "phantom load," you're not alone. When you turn off an appliance, is it really off? Not always! From coffee-makers to televisions, many home electronics are not switched off completely until they are unplugged. These phantom energy robbers steadily suck and waste electricity from the electronics in our homes and offices. And they cost you more money on your monthly electricity bill.

Your home probably contains over 20 phantom loads: cell phone power adapters, televisions and DVD players—even doorbells. A simple test for a phantom load suspect—if the unit has been turned off for awhile, but still feels warm, it is likely stealing your electricity.

There are over 4 million Ontario households and phantom load accounts for an estimated six per cent of the average household's yearly electricity consumption. This is enough electricity to power a city larger than Hamilton.

Like most phantoms, phantom loads are easier to spot at night. Track them down by turning off all your lights and looking for the telltale glow of the tiny LEDs. You may be shocked by how many of these green- or red-eyed phantoms stare back at you!

Cutting the power to some electronics means resetting clocks and losing preprogrammed television channels. For other units, such as your stereo, DVD player or the battery charger for your laptop or phone, use a power bar. With one flick of a switch you cut the power to multiple units. Some new power bars make the job easier with wider spacing between outlets for bulky cell phone adapters, others even include built-in timers.

You have a choice. Pull the plug or flick the switch. Save money and conserve at the same time.

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# Stouffville families affected by conflict

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Services in Ottawa.

Tim Hortons opened an outlet on the military base in Kandahar in 2006.

Residents are being asked to donate coffee coupons.

"Whether you think we should or should not be in Afghanistan has nothing to do with letting the troops know we care," she said.

The cause hits home.

Mrs. Lavell knows of several local families who have someone serving.

Her 24-year-old neighbour, who she has known since he was a little boy, is in Camp Petawawa.

Cliff and Glenda Dunkeld's grandson is a paramedic who has already done a tour of duty.

To get involved or make a cash donation, contact Phil Bannon at phil.bannon@townofws.com

Other programs of support will also be offered, he said.

The coffee coupons can be:

- mailed to; Lisa Cameron, Deployment Resources Manager, Canadian Forces Personnel & Family Support Services, 4210

Labelle St., Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0K2

- or dropped off at the municipal offices in Stouffville or the Stouffville or Ballantrae fire hall.

Whitchurch-Stouffville firefighters will be collecting loonies and toonies during the Stouffville Kinsmen Santa Claus Parade Dec. 6.

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Loretta Lavell,  
Koffee for Kandahar project

While doing research, committee members discovered other avenues where residents can help.

The Royal Canadian Legion has a Troop Morale Fund that you can donate to. The Military Family Resource Centre in Toronto can use help putting on a Christmas party for family members.



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Loretta Lavell, shown at Remembrance Day services in Stouffville, hopes residents will buy coffees for Canadian Armed Forces personnel stationed in Afghanistan.

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