



KAREN STEPHENSON PHOTO

An Uxbridge firefighter works to douse a burning truck near the York-Durham Line on the Whitchurch-Stouffville border Saturday.

## Fire destroys pickup truck

A raging fire near the York-Durham Line Saturday destroyed a pickup truck.

The fire occurred about 1:30 p.m. on Davis Drive, just east of the York-Durham Line, and photographs by passerby Karen Stephenson show the vehicle completely engulfed in flames.

"A small explosion fired a part of the vehicle across the road," Ms. Stephenson said in

an e-mail describing the scene.

The smoke could be seen for several kilometres and Ms. Stephenson said she and her husband thought at first that it might be a garbage fire.

But when they were about two kilometres away the smoke intensified and they realized it was something more.

No one was believed to be injured.

## Lake residents, council want store

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Sunny's One Stop Variety won't be going anywhere, anytime soon.

Whitchurch-Stouffville council is expected to pass a bylaw that would allow building owner Peter Puhl to increase the number of residential units, but the variety store must stay.

"If the proponent, at any point in the future, wanted to change that variety store to a residential unit," a public hearing would have to take place, said town planner Andrew McNeely.

A public hearing on this matter initially took place in January 2008, when Mr. Puhl first applied for a re-zoning permit that would have enabled him to construct eight residential units in that building.

At the meeting, council was presented with a petition that had more than 200 names on it from residents opposed to converting the property into eight residential apartment units.

Although Mr. Puhl stated he had no plans to convert Sunny's into residential units, that was not good enough for the residents. At that time, council resolved to send the matter back to staff

for a further report.

The building, at 14635 Ninth Line in Musselman's Lake, is zoned local commercial, which means business offices, convenience stores and dwelling units above the myriad of other permitted uses are allowed. The building currently has three residential apartment units on the second floor and one in the basement, as well as two commercial units on the main floor, a vacant pizza parlour and Sunny's.

Mr. Puhl has subsequently revamped his re-zoning proposal, yet residents still want assurance from council the store is to remain.

"If Musselman's Lake were to lose its variety store, the majority of the residents would have to drive five to 15 minutes to buy a litre of milk," said lake resident Kevin Wilson at the Feb. 3 council meeting.

At council, Mr. McNeely originally proposed to re-zone the land from local commercial to residential apartment. He still plans on permitting the re-zoning, however the square footage of Sunny's will be noted in the bylaw, that will also stipulate it remain a variety store.

"There is a (surety) of what everyone's expecting," Mr. McNeely said.

# What's On in Whitchurch-Stouffville

## Leisure Services

Email: [leisure.services@townofws.com](mailto:leisure.services@townofws.com)  
Phone: 905-642-PLAY (7529)

### BICYCLE SAFETY YOU CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



There is a concern of the many cyclists NOT wearing safety helmets. Leisure Services is proposing a helmet patrol program and is looking for volunteers to give out prizes and incentives to those practicing safe biking. A great way for students to earn community service hours.

Join in to raise the profile of Bicycle Safety and to promote wearing a helmet. You can help create a safe cycling community in Whitchurch-Stouffville. **JOIN THE HELMET PATROL!!!**

Planning meeting:  
Tuesday February 24, 7 p.m.,  
Lebovic Leisure Centre

Find out what its all about and how you can help. Contact:  
Barb Armstrong 905-642-7529 ext. 328  
or [barb.armstrong@townofws.com](mailto:barb.armstrong@townofws.com).

### Registration is fast approaching

NOTE: When registering online, please check the link to the guide "corrections" found on the WSPLAY...Online start page. Any errors in the Guide will be listed with the correct information. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

March Break and Summer Camp, Spring and Summer Lifestyle and Community programs

March 3rd, 6 p.m. - Residents;  
March 4th, 6 p.m. - non residents

Spring Aquatics (swimming lessons)

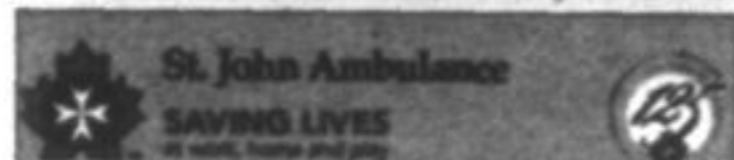
March 10th, 6 p.m. - Residents;  
March 11th, 6 p.m. - non residents

Program details available in the new Spring & Summer Leisure guide or at [www.townofws.com](http://www.townofws.com).

Register online at WSPLAY...Online. (All Camps Registration is in person only at the Leisure Centre) Avoid disappointment, Register Early. Course you want is full? Use the waitlist. Adding your name to a waitlist will help identify the need for additional program times for our rapidly growing community.

## Library

30 Burkholder Street, Stouffville  
Phone: 905-642-READ (7323) or 1-888-603-4292



### ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BABYSITTING COURSE

Saturday, March 21  
9:45 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Ages 11½ +

Cost is \$55 and pre-registration is required!



### Writing Your Travels and Other Paths into Print

Saturday, February 21  
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Brian Henry will give you the ins and outs of travel writing and other forms of journalism and provide tips on finding places to publish your work.

Cost: \$38 in advance, \$42 at the door. Pre-registration is required.

### ABORIGINAL ART: FRAMED ANIMAL BIRTH TOTEM

Wednesday, March 18  
10:00 a.m. - noon OR  
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Ages 6-12

Learn about Native Art and Culture and take home your own piece of artwork at the end of the workshop.

Cost: \$16/child.  
Pre-registration is required.



### Book Discussion with the Community Mennonite Church

Thursday, February 26 7:00 p.m.

Members of the Community Mennonite Church will lead a discussion of "The Shack", the best-selling novel by William P. Young.

### DREAM LECTURE AND WORKSHOP

Sunday, February 22

Free Lecture 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.  
Workshop 1:45 - 4:00 p.m.

Charlene Jones will demonstrate how just remembering dreams can lead to greater physical health, mental well-being, even financial satisfaction!

Workshop Cost: \$52.50.  
Pre-registration is required.

## Museum

14732 Woodbine Avenue, Gormley  
Phone: 905-727-8954 or 1-888-290-0337



### History Hands-On (H<sub>2</sub>O) in Winter Experience Pioneer Life!

Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Really experience life as it was 100 years ago! Visit the Log Cabin and try your hand at some Pioneer chores. Help prepare treats in the Farmhouse Kitchen. Complete your lessons on a slate in the 19th century classroom. Activities change seasonally.

Admission is free, donations gratefully accepted.



### "From Tree to Treat"

Pancake Brunch  
Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Celebrate the end of winter at this delicious event hosted by the Founding Friends of the Museum. Enjoy a pancake & ham brunch, topped off with locally produced maple syrup before touring the Museum's restored heritage buildings.

Cost: \$6/Adult; \$2/Child



### Did you know?...

The Bogartown Schoolhouse...

...is believed to be the oldest brick schoolhouse (1857) outside of Toronto

...was originally located on Vivian Road between Leslie & Woodbine

...became the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum in 1971

...was moved to the present location in 1979

...is restored to represent a classroom at the turn of the last century

Bogartown....

...was named for John Bogart, Sr., who came to Whitchurch in the fall of 1802 and ran a lumber mill

...Bogart means "orchard" or "group of fruit trees"



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### Free E-Business Series 2009 for Small & Medium Enterprises

**E-Business: Introduction**

- defining e-business
- assessing relevancy and readiness
- investing in e-business
- how to use online webinars

Attend in your own municipality:

- Aurora: March 2
- East Gwillimbury: March 3
- Georgina: March 4
- King: March 2
- Newmarket: March 3
- Whitchurch-Stouffville: March 4

**Getting Started Series:  
Creating a Web Presence**

- web presence options
- take advantage of networking

Webinar Online: March 12

**Marketing Series:  
Purchasing and Selling  
Online**

- various aspects of e-business
- buying and selling products and services online

Webinar Online: March 26

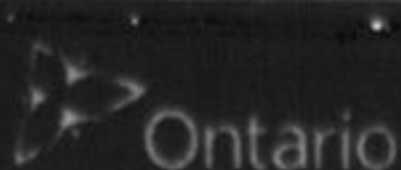
For information, visit:  
[yorksmallbusiness.ca/events](http://yorksmallbusiness.ca/events)

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