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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Council can afford to fix, replace pool

Re: Pool supporters wanted more than relieve, Feb. 17.

Here we go again. Flash back to 1994: second ice pad vs indoor pool group. Fast forward to 2011: new, shiny town hall vs outdoor pool group.

What's in common? Mayor Emmerson. When will this mayor and council (except Rob Hargrave) understand a pool is not just about water and money?

It is about a quality of life, it is about building a community, it is about water safety, it is about exercise, it is about a place for our teenagers, it is about meeting your neighbours and it is about fun and laughter.

It is about a living town – not a dead quiet park with no one in it.

If we are able to debenture and buy a \$10-million town hall for the bureaucrats and we are able to carry a debenture of more than \$37 million for our roads, fire hall, public works yard, Memorial Park grandstand, museum and arenas, then darn it, why can't we take out a loan just like everything else during the last four years and repair or replace the outdoor pool for the people, the citizens, the taxpayers?

We are all equal and have different interest, wants and needs and since council has fulfilled everyone else's wish list, what is so different about this one?

Council, wake up and answer to the people and make this happen because I know you can if you have your residents at heart. Or you can sell the town hall and give something to your residents and not the bureaucrats.

Your decision to make. I urge you to make the right one for the people.

SUE SHERBAN  
STOUFFVILLE

### No parking at carnival

Congratulations to the organizers of the Whitchurch-Stouffville winter carnival at Musselman's Lake last weekend.

It was a perfect day for the event. But we couldn't get to

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it because the parking lot was full. York Regional Police were waving cars on the Ninth Line on toward the Aurora Road to the north. There were about a dozen cars parked on the west side of the Ninth Line.

The police were not allowing any more along the road. We travelled to Aurora Road following a couple of cars, where they all turned around and headed back down the Ninth Line, looking for a place to pull off the road.

Another car and ours stopped in a hollow, out of site of the police. The cars were not totally off the road and I didn't like the idea anyway. So we packed up and down the Ninth and past the waving police. Charlinda's chocolate store had the closest parking to the south.

Maybe next year there will a Plan B.

IVAN HARRIS  
STOUFFVILLE

### Will death of pedestrian bring safe crossing?

Re: Lights out at train station?, Feb. 10.

I risk my life twice a day to take the Stouffville GO train to

work in downtown Toronto.

For a number of years, I have been trying to address the lack of a safe crossing method for people who live between the Ninth Line and the GO train.

After reading the article on the proposed curb extensions, I am discouraged that based on the outcomes of a study, pedestrian safety will taking a back seat to vehicular traffic.

Someone is going to die on Main Street one day as a result of the lack of proper and safe pedestrian crossings and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville can then congratulate itself for that.

With the growth in town, it seems motorists are far more aggressive than in the past, to the point of rudeness, especially the ones racing in and out of the GO parking lots.

I am annoyed each and every day that most cars on Main Street will not stop and let pedestrians cross, even when they are stranded in the middle of the road, as I often find myself.

I am aware vehicles have the right of way, however, does someone need to be killed before a completely safe mode of crossing is in place?

It is unconscionable that the town is forcing this on people.

DIANE GILLESPIE  
STOUFFVILLE

### Church has activities for newcomers

Re: Friends' \$1 spaghetti dinner aims to build community, Jan. 27.

I read with interest about the dinner several people organized to bring people together to get to know their neighbours. I commend them for their initiative.

However, I wish to point out that churches in Stouffville do similar things, indeed have done so for many years. Christ Church Anglican on Sunset Boulevard hosts Lenten dinners, which are open to the wider community each year on four Wednesdays prior to Easter.

The menu varies each week and the cost is by donation. As well, each Sunday, following the morning service, there is a coffee hour where people meet and mingle over refreshments and attempt to get to know one another better.

Mid-week Bible studies,

seniors teas and movie nights are open to anyone in the community.

The upcoming pantomime, Snow White and Seven Vertically Challenged Individuals, is a fun opportunity for young people to work together to produce an enjoyable show March 4 to 6.

Floor hockey on Friday evenings is fun for both children and parents. Each Thursday afternoon, a group of women interested in quilting gathers to produce an enjoyable show March 4 to 6.

On Friday afternoons, a new initiative brings knitters together to share patterns, yarns and stories and produce items for the needy.

There are many other examples of activities in this parish that allow people to get to know one another. I'm sure other churches provide similar opportunities.

I invite those who are new to our community to come and see.

JUNE DYER  
BALLANTRAE

### Stay cool behind wheel

Re: Troublemakers rule our roads, column by Jim Mason, Feb. 10.

Yes, I know.

Unless signed otherwise, you are allowed to make U-turns. And believe it or not, you are always allowed, given the painted lines, to make a three-point, reverse-direction turn. And you are even allowed to pass on a double yellow line as long as it is safe and you don't exceed the speed limit.

But I have to say we need to remember: "It might be legal... but is it a good idea". Merging in front of that semi might be legal – but I don't like the idea of nudging in front of a semi that could be carrying 100,000 pounds. Those semi-trailers are not just filled with corn flakes.

I have been in cars in many places of the world and I have to tell you there is no shortage of people who want to die on the road. Just don't let them take you with them.

Cool the aggression. And this goes for women, as well as men.

RON BOYD  
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