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Off The Top

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Victims galore in ruins of drug lab

It's a small-town tragedy of TV drama proportions. Sports star jailed for role in hometown drug lab blaze, the headlines could read.

CSI or Murder She Wrote comes to Stouffville.

The only thing missing was a death.

But there were plenty of victims to go around when fire gutted a brick house at 55 Merdock Ct. Jan. 31.

Drug lab operator wrecked lives: judge/page 8 and yorkregion.com

What looked like your garden-variety subdivision fire was anything but.

The house backed onto a picturesque pond just along Hoover Park Drive from Walmart, Canadian Tire and Tim Hortons. It's nestled in one of south Stouffville's newest neighbourhoods, in the shadows of Oscar Peterson and Stouffville District

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SHELVES NEED FEEDING



STAFF PHOTO/NICK IWANYSHYN

Mayor Wayne Emerson (from right), his executive assistant, Tamara Carlson, Whitchurch-Stouffville Food Bank representative Marion Wells and student representative Imran Bagha show the shelves where food and coats will be collected at the municipal offices Oct. 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Not quite Rob Ford style sessions in Stouffville

Have your say on town budget

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If you want more or less money in the 2012 budget for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, recreation programs, road work, snow clearing or any other municipal service, you will have a chance to voice your opinion dur-

ing a public consultation meeting Oct. 25.

The meeting came at the direction of Mayor Wayne Emmerson last spring, according to Marc Pourvahidi, director of finance and the treasurer for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, long before Torontonians started lining

up to tell Rob Ford and his council what they thought about his gravy train cutbacks.

"We're trying to consult the residents in order to improve the budget," Mr. Pourvahidi said in an interview concerning how the meeting differs from those in Toronto.

"I think this is the right way

to go," Mr. Emmerson said during Tuesday's council meeting.

Residents will also be dealing with the treasurer. The mayor and council may or may not be in attendance, Mr. Pourvahidi said.

Pre-budget public consultation

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