# Soft jabs find marks during all-candidates meeting

BY SANDRA BOLAN . sbolan@yrmg.com

The jabs were there, albeit so subtle they fell on deaf ears for the most part.

But that did not stop Progressive Conservative candidate Farid Wassef from taking multiple shots at Helena Jaczek's Liberal government's ehealth scandal and Samsung's affiliation with its green energy plan.

But it was Ms Jaczek who landed a solid punch when she emphati-

cally said if re-elected her government would not sell off the LCBO or highways "like the previous government".

It was the one time the crowd of about 50 people gave the candidates vying to be MPP of Oak Ridges-Markham more than polite applause during the Saturday afternoon all-candidates meeting at the Angus Glen Public Library in Markham.

Election day is next Thursday. It was the first — and possibly only — time all the candidates,

Go to yorkregion.com for more on the meeting and the election.

except for NDP Joe Whitfeld, who was a last-minute cancellation due to a conflict, will square off.

The meeting, which was peppered with crying babies and onlookers stopping by for a few seconds to see what was happening in the middle of the library, before disappearing into the myriad of book stacks, centred around

the standard topics of education, health care, jobs and transportation.

When asked how the candidates planned on increasing the number of doctors in emergency rooms, the majority of candidates noted some of the solution lies in prevention.

"We're not going to remain healthy by eating hamburgers and hot dogs and going through drivethrus daily," quipped Green Party candidate Trifon Haitas.

He also noted the elderly are

taking up beds in hospitals when they in fact want to be at home.

"We have to ensure doctors are making house calls again," he said.

Ms Jaczek, the riding's incumbent, noted the Liberals came into power in 2003 when health care was in "disrepair". But since that time, family health teams have been instituted and despite the ehealth debacle, six million people have their health records online

"A lot of that (ehealth) money was very usefully spent," she said.

# Whitchurch-Stoutfville



Leisure

Email: leisure.services : townofws.ca Customer Service Phone: 905-642-PLAY (7529)

# **MOVIE NIGHT** FRIDAY OCTOBER 21, 7PM

Rise of the Planet of the Apes Nineteen on the Park Transportation provided to and from the movie Email leisure.services@townofws.ca to arrange for a stop near you

# **LEISURE SKATING**

Begins the week of October 4

Schedules now online, under the Leisure tab > Schedules, drop in.

# INDOOR PLAYGROUND

Stouffville Arena, 2nd floor Opens October 18, 2011 Monday/Wednesday/Friday 10:00am - 11:30am

# **ACTIVE AGING WEEK**

September 25 – October 1 Details online

Fall session has started but still accepting registrations, in person only, for selected programs. Check online or call 905.642.PLAY (7529) for space availability

# Museum



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

# **VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED!!**

For the 31st Annual Victorian Tea

Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th Are you interested in getting more involved in your mity? Do you like interacting with people? The holiday event. Volunteers can help us on Thursday by ating sandwich fillings and organizing and decorating lain Hall in the new building. On Friday we'll need nelp prepping sandwiches, plating, serving, and clearing

> Please contact wsmuseum@townofws.ca or call 905-727-8954 for more information.

# **HOURS OF OPERATION**

Please note that Museum is now on Winter Hours. Staff are working from Monday through Friday.

During construction, please remember to call ahead to arrange research appointments.

This is YOUR Museum... Come join us and lend a hand at

our Fall Work Bee! Sunday, October 16th, 2011 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

We need volunteers to help staff prepare the museum for the winter months. We will be cleaning up the site and reorganizing and cleaning artifacts in the Barn. Come for part of the day or all of the day. Lunch will be provided. Please call to get your name "on the list" and to let us know if you have any dietary restrictions.

# The Victorian Gentleman

Victorian societal values emphasized the importance of the family and the distinct responsibility of each family discover what life was like for a Victorian gentleman by checking out the Museum's exhibit at the Library.





Library

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

# JOIN US FOR STORY TIME!

Ages 3-6 Mondays 10:15-10:45 am Tuesdays 10:30-11:00 am Tuesdays 7:00-7:30 pm Saturdays 10:30-11:00 am

LIBRARY WEB SITE DEMO

Thursday, October 13 7:00-8:00 pm

audio books, renewing or reserving from

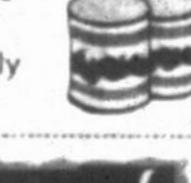
Topics include downloading e-books and



# FOOD FOR FINES

Ontario Public Library Week October 16-22

Bring a lost item and a non-perishable food item and charges for this item will be waived. Not valid for previously incurred fines.



# **CANDY CORN BINGO**

Thursday, October 20

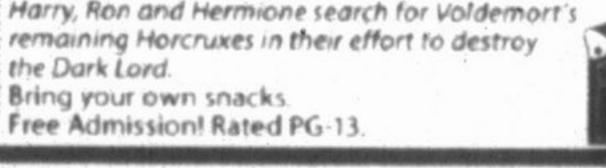
Play this special Hallowe'en Bingo and win prizes! Ages 3-6 yrs. - 3:30-4:00 pm Ages 7+ - 4:15-5:00 pm



# Free Admisson! Pre-registration is required!

1:30-3:40 pm

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2" Harry, Ron and Hermione search for Voldemort's remaining Horcruxes in their effort to destroy the Dark Lord.



# The Latcham Gallery

6240 Main Street, Stouffville 905-640-8954 www.latchamgallery.ca



Email: info@latchamgallery.ca Culture Days - Saturday, October 1, 11 am - 3 pm See art, talk to artists & make art!

Hours: Tuesday to Saturday 10 am to 5 pm

SEE the Lemonville Group of Artists: Views from the Moraine. Experience artist demos and TALK to participating artists. MAKE an original work of art at our free Culture Days Art Activity for the whole family!

> 11th Annual Studio Tour - October 15 - 16, 10 am - 5 pm Make the Gallery one of your stops on the studio tour! 24 venues - 36 artists!

> > Meryl McMaster: Second Self October 22 - December 3

Opening Reception: October 29, 1 - 3 pm

Photography and sculpture by artist Meryl McMaster. This artist of Cree and Scottish heritage brings to Stouffville an exhibition that reconsiders identity through portraiture.



The Latcham Gallery's Big Night Out! Saturday, October 22, 7:30 pm

A fabulous evening of talent, silent auction, art auction, fine wine and delectable treats Support your gallery! Please visit www.latchamgallery.ca for details.

# CASTING OFF THE COLD!

Free! Pre-registration is required!

Sunday, October 16 1:00 pm Interested in helping the less fortunate in the community? Join this local group of volunteer crafters who donate their projects to organizations and shelters in York Region. Everyone welcome! No experience necessary!

home, electronic booklists, researching health issues, etc.

# SATURDAY AFTERNOON MOVIE Saturday, October 29



# FROM THE DESK OF THE FIRE CHIEF:

Hello, it's Chief Rob McKenzie here again to remind you. To keep your family warm and safe this heating season, remember to have your chimney cleaned regularly. Have a qualified professional inspect your chimney or furnace to ensure it is working properly. Use metal or non-combustible containers to remove ashes from the wood stove. Store ashes well away from buildings. Also install a Carbon Monoxide alarm outside the sleeping. areas to protect your family from this odourless deadly gas