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CRIME

Doors kicked in, houses ransacked

Revive Neighbourhood Watch program: police

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Bring back the Neighbourhood Watch program to Stouffville.

That is what York Regional Police Const. Ivan Liew wants to do.

"I think a neighbourhood is lucky to have neighbours who are retired or stay-at-home moms," the crime prevention specialist said this week, noting they are the people who know when things aren't quite right and can immediately call police about it.

At least one person did not think they were being watched when two south Stouffville houses were broken into and robbed Oct. 20.

Sometime between 11:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. a home on Clamerten Road, just south of Stouffville District Secondary and Oscar. Peterson Public schools, had its front door kicked in.

When the homeowner returned, he discovered the residence had been ransacked and a quantity of jewelry was stolen.

York police are not releasing

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CLOSE-KNIT GROUP



STAFF PHOTO/NICK IWANYSHYN

Local crafters work on their knitting while waiting for their work to be picked up during the Casting Off the Cold donation day at the Stouffville library Sunday. The area group of volunteer crafters donate their projects to organizations and shelters in York Region and across the GTA.



Roaming Around
with Jim Thomas

Halloween high jinks disappear

Where on Halloween should a curious columnist proceed in anticipation of critical occurrences?

The town fire hall, of course. That's where emergency calls would likely come.

So, armed with a pad and pencil, that's where I set up shop.

And waited. For an hour I waited. But nothing happened. Just as Chief

Rob McKenzie predicted.

"Halloween's no big deal any more," he said, "no different than any other night."

He was right. Captains Mark Busse, Dave Wilson and firefighter Tim Irwin kept watch from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., without major incidents.

"I believe residents today are now more safety conscious," Chief McKenzie added.

Yes, times have changed. Acts of

vandalism are no longer restricted to Halloween. In Whitchurch-Stouffville, incidents of defacement can occur any night, any time of the year. Also, disfigurements as per graffiti.

However, let's not hide the fact, we oldsters, sometimes quick to criticize young fry for their foolishness, were no angels a half-dozen

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