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## Who has best lights in town this Christmas?

LIONS, SUN-TRIBUNE LAUNCH 21ST CONTEST

Got your lights up? Think you have the best-dressed home in Stouffville this Christmas?

Let's see.

How about your friends and neighbours?

Are their homes as lit up as Clark Griswold's in *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*?

You should enter them in the 21st annual Stouffville Outdoor Christmas Display Contest.

Sponsored by the Stouffville Lions Club and The Sun-Tribune, the contest offers \$325 in cash prizes.

Homes must be in the club's territory, north of 19th Avenue, south of Bloomington Road, east of Hwy. 48 and west of Durham Rd. 30.

"The number of entries has actually dropped in recent years," Sun-Tribune editor Jim Mason said. "We'd like to reverse that trend. If you know of a well-decorated home, just give us the address and we'll have it judged."

Entries must be phoned in (905-640-2612 ext. 23) or e-mailed (jmason@yrmg.com) by Dec. 11.

Judging takes place Dec. 13. The Lions host their annual seniors lights tour Dec. 22.

## CONCERT KIDS



STAFF PHOTO/STEVE SOMERVILLE

The St. Mark Catholic School choir opened the 19th annual Student Music Scholarship concert at Stouffville District Secondary School Friday. Seven schools took part in the event hosted by St. James Presbyterian Church. For more on the show, see pages 10 and 14.

# PC MPPs hope to end YRT strike

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York Region's three Progressive Conservative MPPs are tabling legislation to get public transit deemed an essential service and YRT and Viva buses running again.

"The bottom line is people would be back on the buses and they'd be rolling," said Thornhill

MPP Peter Shurman, who presented the bill at Queen's Park yesterday, sponsored by Newmarket-Aurora MPP Frank Klees and York-Simcoe MPP Julia Munro.

The bill is to be debated today. The three MPPs were disappointed by a terse reply when they asked the government to table its own legislation two weeks ago, when the legislature was not in

session.

"In the face of government inaction ... we've got to do something, otherwise, this thing won't be just a protracted strike, but we won't have transit service in York Region for a long time," Mr. Shurman said. "After five weeks, enough is enough."

The urgency is increasing as the strike goes on, Mr. Klees said.

"We're optimistic, at least, that the government will recognize how important this is," he said, noting Premier Dalton McGuinty promised in Tuesday's throne speech to work with the other parties in the best interests of Ontarians.

Newmarket Chamber of Commerce chairperson Steve Hinder

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