(Sun-Tribune

905-640-2612 Fax: 905-640-8778

EDITORIAL ADVERTISING 905-640-2612 Classified: 1-800-743-3353 Fax: 905-640-8778

> DISTRIBUTION 905-294-8244

Stouffville Sun-Tribune 🔳 www.yorkregion.com 🔳 Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012, 🌀

Editorial Editor Jim Mason jmason@yrmg.com

ADVERTISING Advertising Manager Stephen Mathieu thieu@yrmg.com

Marketing Manager Mike Banville mbanville@vrmg.com

ADMINISTRATION Regional Office Manager Melanie Attridge

mattridge@yrmg.com

York Region Media Group community newspapers

The Sun-Tribune, published every Thursday and Saturday,

is a division of the Metroland Media Group Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Torstar Corporation. The Metroland family of newspapers is comprised of more than 100 community publications across Ontario. The York Region Media Group includes The Liberal, serving Richmond Hill and Thornhill, Newmarket Era, Aurora Banner, Vaughan Citizen, Markham Economist & Sun, Stouffville Sun-Tribune, Georgina Advocate, Bradford West Gwillimbury Topic, beingwell and yorkregion.com.

LETTERS POLICY

The Sun-Tribune The Sun-Tribune welcomes your let-ters. All submissions must be less than 400 words and must include a daytime telephone number, name and address. The Sun-Tribune reserves the right to publish or not publish and to edit for clar-ity and space.

Letters to the Editor, The Sun-Tribune 6290 Main St. Stouffville, ON L4A IG7 jmason@yrmg.com



OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Way.

Reeves Way.

lights?

HAVE YOUR SAY,

STOUFFVILLE

▶ What do you think of these

issues or others? E-mail letters to

the editor to jmason@yrmg.com

on Hoover Park and Reeves

letter to your fellow member

of council, Rob Hargrave, that

spoke of the people who do

not obey the speed limit on

ize young children get easily

distracted? And someone of

authority should be there to

help them cross the road cor-

rectly and enforce the traffic

would help make you realize

the crossing guards are neces-

Perhaps a death of a child

Do you also not real-

My husband addressed a

Children need guards

Re: Mayor questions need

The following letter was

I am very disappointed in

to Whitchurch-

for crossing guards at lights,

Stouffville Mayor Wayne

your view that crossing guards

may not be necessary for the

intersections of Reeves Way

Boulevard and Hoover Park

Drive and at Hoover Park and

Drivers do not always fol-

Have you not been out

low the laws and rules of the

lately? There is tons of traffic

even at traffic lights

Sept. 20.

written

Emmerson:

Sun-Tribune Stouffville, ON, L4A 1G7

www.yorkregion.com

GENERAL MANAGER John Willems

EDITOR IN CHIEF Debora Kelly

DIRECTOR, PRODUCTION Jackie Smart

PUBLISHER Ian Proudfoot

Administration Robert Lazurko DIRECTOR.

DIRECTOR,

DISTRIBUTION

Tanya Pacheco

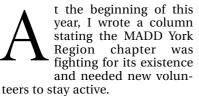
DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS

DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS Barry Black

CLASSIFIED/REAL ESTATE ADVERTISING Debra Weller

One common-law husband and wife, two single adult kids, and one married same-sex couple with child ... Just your average Canadian family household. EASE '2 neasecartoons@gmail.com

MADD York Region needs a little volunteer help



At that time, the Mothers Against Drunk Driving chapter had only two positions filled on its executive and was on "life support".

I asked readers "is MADD relevant in our community?" and you responded very positively.

The meeting room at the York **Regional Police station in Richmond** Hill was filled to capacity at the next meeting, with people eager to sign on to participate and ensure the anti-drinking and driving message was heard, loud and clear, across York Region communities.

I felt a personal need to help support this group and have been attending monthly meetings to publicize their community events and activities.

MADD York Region needs our help again.

As chance would have it, the woman who agreed to lead the



Marney Beck

group and assume the president role, Dayna Switzer of Richmond Hill, went back to school this fall and can not continue her volunteer duties.

Another member of the executive, Paolo Pecchia of Maple, has stepped up to the plate and agreed to take on the president's job.

Other members of the executive are grateful he has agreed to fill this key role.

They include Jessica Seymour, a passionate young woman who handles public speaking engagements with schools and other organizations; Micheline Cassidy, the treasurer; and Margaret Williams, who handles public education and victim support and sits on the national board

Each of these women has had her own tragic interaction with a drunk driver

Jessica lost her leg; Micheline her daughter and Margaret her younger sister.

For these women and all other members of the MADD chapter, working to fight drinking driving in the community is more than a cause, it's a personal fight; a painful passion.

And don't think because of the name Mothers Against Drunk Driving that there are no men backing this group.

Navid Afsharian is vice president, Nathan McMillan provides computer and web support and Doug Strong has agreed to assume the court watchdog role, keeping the chapter and national body updated on court proceedings as charged drivers face justice for the mayhem they commit on our roads.

But the chapter needs more committed volunteers to make activities and events happen. People such as

▶ If you'd like to contact chapter president Paolo Pecchia, e-mail paolopecchia@sympatico.ca

Allstate Insurance agency manager from Markham, Antoinetta Zambri, who has agreed to be the chapter secretary.

In my opinion, the group also needs new blood to ensure the small group of committed members don't burn out trying to do and be everything.

If you can help with office support duties, can volunteer a few hours at public events, would like to participate in a holiday safe ride home project in December or would like to come to a meeting and find out what MADD York Region is all about, consider this your invitation.

The next meeting is Oct. 15 at p.m. at the York Regional Police station in Richmond Hill (on Major Mackenzie, just west of Yonge Street).

Marney Beck is a York Region Media Group editor.

sary for the health and safety of all children. ANNA PRIVITERA STOUFFVILLE

Ninth Line. I am not in accordance with your disapproval of the crossing guards. I feel as a parent with my

road.

child attending one of the two new schools near these intersections, the crossing guard is necessary even though there are traffic lights there.