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# Stouffville Free Press

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### UP AND COMING

The Stouffville Free Press welcomes community event listings from non-profit groups and organizations. Please send a brief synopsis of upcoming events by email to [stouffvillefreepress@rogers.com](mailto:stouffvillefreepress@rogers.com)

## Free Opinion - Backyard blues

As concerns continue to be raised over the proposed PACE development at Lloyd and Main, the topic of NIMBYism (not in my back yard) inevitably crops up.

However, a multi-storey development at this site would have a major impact on the downtown area which would go beyond those directly affected - i.e. neighbouring homeowners and businesses in the vicinity.

Among the practical hurdles that must be considered are the narrowness of Lloyd Street and lack of outdoor parking spaces (the proposed building would include an underground garage), increased traffic on Main and Lloyd, the lack of traffic signals, and the sorry state of some of our downtown side streets, including Lloyd.

Local retailers who have worked hard to build up their businesses in a difficult economy would be faced with a constant flow of construction traffic, bringing with it the inevitable noise, mess and lane restrictions. As a result, even loyal customers may decide to avoid the downtown core and shop elsewhere.

While we support the idea of higher density residential buildings as a sensible and overdue alternative to the suburban sprawl of past decades, we also believe that the site in question is inappropriate for a development of this size.

It's easy to accuse other people of NIMBYism until the construction truck stops near our own front door. Residents who would be directly affected have

put a lot of time, effort and money into buying and improving their homes, which for most represents the biggest investment they will ever make. Their voices, above all, deserve to be heard.

If anyone thinks the younger generation lacks commitment, idealism and energy, they only have to look through this paper to see what children and youth in Whitchurch-Stouffville are achieving. From cleaning up the community in town and at Musselman's Lake, to representing Team Ontario at the Eastern Canadian Gymnastics Championships in Newfoundland, the next generation is on course to make the world a better place.

There's no doubt about it, the kids really are all right.

## Free Laughs - Mum's the word

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.

*Phyllis Diller*

My second favourite household chore is ironing. My first being hitting my head on the top bunk until I faint.

*Erma Bombeck*

Living with a teenage daughter is like living with the Taliban: a mum is not allowed to laugh, sing, dance or wear short skirts.

*Kathy Lette*

Don't forget Mother's Day. Or as they call it in Beverly Hills, Dad's Third Wife Day.

*Jay Leno*

No matter how old a mother is, she watches her middle-aged children for signs of improvement.

*Florida Scott-Maxwell*

My mother buried three husbands - and two of them were only napping.

*Rita Rudner*

Never say anything on the phone that you wouldn't want your mother to hear at your trial.

*Anon*

I do wish you wouldn't argue with me when I'm knitting.

*Mother, in My Family and Other Animals*

Republicans understand the importance of bondage between a mother and child.

*Dan Quayle*

How is it I can start out the day as Mary Poppins, only to end the day as Cruella Deville?

*Someecards.com*

The quickest way for a mother to get her children's attention is to sit down and look comfortable.

*Lane Olinghouse*

'Do you want to be buried, Mum, or cremated?' 'Oh, I don't know, love, surprise me.'

*Pete Postlethwaite and Thora Hird in Lost For Words*

My mother used to say that there are no strangers, only friends you haven't met yet. She's now in a maximum security twilight home in Australia.

*Dame Edna Everage*

My mother is such a lousy cook that Thanksgiving at her house is a time of sorrow.

*Rita Rudner*

I do not like broccoli. And I haven't liked it since I was a little kid and my mother made me eat it. And I'm president of the United States and I'm not going to eat any more broccoli.

*George Bush*

My mom said she learned how to swim. Someone took her out in the lake and threw her off the boat. That's how she learned how to swim. I said, 'Mom, they weren't trying to teach you how to swim.'

*Paula Poundstone*

## Free Thoughts

Latham Hall welcomes back the Stouffville Community Spaghetti Dinner! A great way to meet new people!



Only \$1! May 5th 5:00-7:00

## Readers Write

### Book Sale raises record revenue

To the Editor:

Once again the community of Whitchurch-Stouffville has come through! The library's giant book sale raised over eighteen thousand dollars over the four and a half days of the sale this year - the most successful book sale ever. These funds will go towards augmenting the collections at the library, offering more programs, and providing additional resources for the residents of the community.

The Book Sale Fundraising Committee has many, many people to thank for helping to make this book sale so successful. The sale is truly a collaborative effort. First, to the Stouffville volunteer firefighters, the Stouffville Lions, the Richardson Lodge Masons, and the students of SDSS and other neighbouring schools for their involvement in setting up and taking down

the sale. Thanks also to Barthau Jewellers and Card's TV & Appliances for the use of their signs. Thanks to the many volunteers who gave so freely of their time, sorting, selling and packing. Our appreciation is also extended to your newspaper for supporting the sale through advertisement and publicity.

Last, but certainly not least, many thanks are due to the citizens of Stouffville who came out in record numbers to support this annual library fundraiser. The generous support demonstrated by the residents of the community for this event is responsible for its continued success.

All this dedication and commitment is most appreciated.

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