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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

Free Opinion - The (Beeping) Sounds of Summer

It's been a lodd, hot summer in downtown Stouffville as crews work on much-needed road repairs.

Delighted as we are to have our broken-down infrastructure fixed, there's nothing like the chalk-squeaking sound of construction trucks backing up to turn a mild-mannered editor, desperately seeking a peaceful environment from which to churn out deathless prose, into a homicidal maniac.

It's amazing how we long for the lazy, hazy days of summer, only to remember, belatedly, that there are only two seasons in Ontario: winter and construction. But we'd be the first to complain next time we hit a pothole, and, like banging your head against a brick wall, a hiatus in the monstrous beeping sound is like manna from heaven.

Less welcome are the unsolicited

ads that have lately been left hanging on the front door handles of private property owners, including that of the aforementioned unhinged editor. As the company responsible points out on its web page, this is (was?) one of the few remaining bastions unsullied by advertising clutter in our sponsored universe. However, one person's opportunity to 'engage' the consumer is another's invasion of privacy, not to mention a potential security risk when homeowners are on vacation and unable to remove junk mail from their property.

As this glorious summer continues, we'd like to remind readers that the Farmers' Market on Park Dr. South in downtown Stouffville offers a delicious selection of fresh produce from local farms, along with smoked meats, baked goods and unique gifts. Many fruits

and vegetables are now at their peak and nothing tastes better than locally grown goodies.

We encourage newcomers to visit the market and discover Stouffville's downtown at the same time. And there's plenty happening on Main St. these days with the arrival of several new restaurants and unique stores to explore. An espresso bar recently opened at Edward and Main, giving early-morning GO commuters a place to stop and pick up that much-needed caffeine jolt to ease their journey to work.

The Farmers' Market is open every Thursday from 2 to 7 p.m. until Oct. 7. For more information visit www.townofws.com/farmersmarket.asp or join Downtown Stouffville Farmers' Market on Facebook and get the latest news from vendors and fans.

Free Laughs - By The Book

I would be most content if my children grew up to be the kind of people who think decorating consists mostly of building enough bookshelves.

Anna Quindlen

Always read something that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

PJ O'Rourke

I find television to be very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go in the other room and read a book.

Groucho Marx

There's nothing to match curling up with a good book when there's a repair job to be done around the house.

Joe Ryan

Books serve to show a man that those original thoughts of his aren't very new after all.

Abraham Lincoln

TV: If kids are entertained by two letters, I imagine the fun they'll have

with twenty-six. Open your child's imagination. Open a book.

Anon

People say that life's the thing, but I prefer reading.

Logan Pearsall Smith

To choose a good book, look in an inquisitor's prohibited list.

John Aikin

There is a temperate zone in the mind, between luxurious indolence and exacting work, and it is to this region, just between laziness and labour, that summer reading belongs.

Henry Ward Beecher

A house without books is like a room without windows.

Heinrich Mann

Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read.

Groucho Marx

Never judge a book by its movie.

J.W. Egan

Anyone who says they have only one life to live must not know how to read a book.

Anon

This nice and subtle happiness of reading, this joy not chilled by age, this polite and unpunished vice, this selfish, serene life-long intoxication.

Logan Pearsall Smith

Gazing at the typewriter in moments of desperation, I console myself with three thoughts: Alcohol at six, dinner at eight, and to be immortal you've got to be dead.

Gyles Brandreth

When someone in a novel says something like 'I've never been in an air crash,' you know this means that five minutes later they will be.

Alan Bennett

What readers ask nowadays in a book is that it should improve, instruct and elevate. My book wouldn't elevate a cow.

Jerome K. Jerome

Free Thoughts

A terrible thing happened on the way to the costume party...



Readers Write - A Gallery of Delights

To the Editor:

On July 7, I was fortunate to attend the performance of *Tape of One* at Nineteen on the Park. It was a fantastic show, a feast for the senses, in an amazing venue. The show was presented by the Latcham Gallery and generously sponsored by John Faulino of Raymond James. Thank you so much, John, for your support of the gallery and the arts in Stouffville. We are truly lucky to have you in our community.

The Latcham Gallery is the only public, free admission gallery in York Region and relies on fundraising dollars. Please support this local cultural institution by visiting the gallery and becoming a member. A family membership is

only \$50 and provides free admission to many galleries in Ontario, including the McMichael Gallery.

You can also show your support by attending the fundraising gala on October 23, featuring world-renowned Latin-jazz singer Amanda Martinez. Also, plan on doing your Christmas shopping at Beyond Craft at Nineteen on the Park, featuring pottery, jewellery, glasswork and more from Nov. 11 to 14.

In this election year, please vote for candidates that will support increased gallery funding. Local arts institutions like this need municipal funding to survive.

Jennie Creggan
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Readers Write - An Open Letter To Stouffville

To the Editor:

Thank you to all who supported the 26th annual Strawberry Festival through attendance, sponsorship and volunteer efforts. Special thanks to the committee that worked year-round to make the festival happen. With perfect weather

and record crowds, the 2010 Festival was truly one to remember. It has been an honour to serve as the chair of this Festival and work with so many wonderful and committed people.

Catherine McCowan
 Chair, Strawberry Festival 2010