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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 - Job Jar

The election is over and new council members are preparing to take their seats for the next four years.

While we've got their attention, the *Free Press* would like to put in our two cents' worth on issues we'd like to see addressed in the upcoming term. During the previous council's tenure we got a state-of-the-art fire hall, an arena with twin pads and a beautifully renovated arts and cultural centre, along with new parks, trails and the Main Street improvement project at the west end of town. This was heady and expensive stuff, albeit with a sizeable portion being financed by developers, along with grants from the province for downtown enhancements.

In a rather more modest vein, let's continue efforts to make this into a more walkable community. That means not only more sidewalks, but

also improvements to some already in existence, which seem designed to accommodate one and a half pedestrians. And that's before the cyclists come barreling along, sweeping aside all but the most determined, or suicidal, walker. Cycling is a wonderful pastime, but they don't call them sidewalks for nothing.

Our perennial cry for a crosswalk by the Stouffville GO station continues. How long will it be before someone gets hit by a car (or a truck, illegally using Main Street as a short cut) because of a lack of places to cross the street safely between Ninth Line and Market Street?

A population explosion means our wonderful public library is under increasing pressure to provide materials and services in a variety of different languages to a rapidly expanding

population of young families from Canada and around the world. More space and staff are already needed and that need will continue to grow. On the sports front, let's give serious consideration to an indoor soccer facility and, at some point, given our increasingly diverse population, a cricket pitch.

Stouffville's downtown has been enhanced by the arrival of Nineteen on the Park, but more needs to be done to attract residents and visitors. The Farmers' Market and special events such as the Strawberry Festival, Moonlight Madness and Culture Days are a step in the right direction, but we need to encourage more retail and specialty stores to bring in newcomers from subdivisions on the edge of town and the rural areas.

Free Laughs - Family Foibles

Families are like fudge - mostly sweet with a few nuts.
Anon

A family is a unit comprised not only of children but of men, women, an occasional animal, and the common cold.
Ogden Nash

In a houseful of toddlers and pets, you can start out having a bad day, but you keep getting detoured.
Robert Brault

We are born wet, naked, and hungry. Then things get worse.
Anon

Christine: You will end up childless and alone.
 Will: With fingers crossed, yeah.
About A Boy

Motherhood brought many joys, but catching sight of the underneath of my neck in the mirror of the Tommee Tippee Activity Centre wasn't one of them.
Victoria Wood

There was a kid crying in the supermarket so I said to the mother,

"Did you hit this child?" She said, "No." I said, "Why not?"
Dave Spikey

Children of progressive parents admitted only on leads.
Notice in a restaurant in London, England

The sisters entered the drawing-room in the full fervour of sisterly animosity.
R.S. Surtees

I hate my brother. The only reason I speak to him is because you never know when you might need a kidney.
Lily Savage

Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city.
George Burns

The quickest way for a parent to get a child's attention is to sit down and look comfortable.
Lane Olinghouse

Daphne: Oh, Dr. Crane, why is it so easy to love our family, but so hard to like them?

Frasier: Daphne, that's one of those questions that makes life so rich and psychiatrists richer.
Frasier

We've begun to long for the pitter-patter of little feet. So we bought a dog. Well, it's cheaper and you get more feet.
Rita Rudner

Parenthood: that state of being better chaperoned than you were before marriage.
Marcelene Cox

One of life's greatest mysteries is how the boy who wasn't good enough to marry your daughter can be the father of the smartest grandchild in the world.
Anon

My wife tells me I'm not passionate enough. That's ridiculous! I've a good mind to send her a memo!
Anon

I love being married. I was single for a long time and I just got so sick of finishing my own sentences.
Brian Kiley

Free Thoughts

In honour of Remembrance Day, Stan allows Lieutenant Smithers (ret.) a turn behind the wheel of his 'vette...



Readers Write - Bowled Over

To the Editor:
 On behalf of the Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club, I am writing to express our gratitude for the wonderful coverage your newspaper has provided during this season for our various club events.

Our club has reached an all-time high of 120 members this year. We have hosted teams from Oshawa, Whitby, Agincourt, Orillia, Barrie, Monora, Uxbridge, Willowdale and Kew Beach. We've had a very busy season and are just winding down. We wanted to take this opportunity to assure you that we very much appreciate all the assistance you have given us.

We look forward to the 2011 season and trust that we can count on your support in the coming season.

Rick Wall
 President
 Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club

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