

One person's trash can be another person's treasure

By Kate Gilderdale
Stouffville This Month

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Recycling Group is launching a Let's Untrash the Place campaign, announced group president Jim Priebe recently. "The purpose is to find as many ways as possible to reduce garbage going to landfill."

The campaign will begin with a push for aluminum pop tabs. "Take them to the recycling depot, or any other place that collects them." Local businesses will be approached to assist in collecting the tabs, he said, while cans themselves should be recycled in the usual way.

Among suggestions for cutting back on unnecessary waste are taking used printer cartridges to the depot or the library, buying a backyard composter for kitchen waste, recycling plastic shopping bags -- some grocery stores provide a receptacle for the purpose -- or better still, shopping with reusable

bags. Mr. Priebe also suggests using refillable mugs at the coffee shop, repairing appliances and electronics instead of replacing them and buying quality toys and items which can be passed along instead of thrown away.

Local consignment stores buy and sell good quality, second-hand clothing, while the Care and Share Thrift Shop welcomes donations of clothing and household goods for re-sale. The store also offers some great bargains for buyers on a budget.

"Keep the pre-addressed envelopes that numerous organizations send you, put on a label and reuse them. Also, before putting paper into the recycling bin, check to see whether it is single sided." The other side can be used for shopping lists or notes, he said.

"Start a trend -- tell your friends you like your presents wrapped in reused paper and consider using services such as Canada Post's e-post to receive your bills electron-

ically." Some items must be taken to a hazardous waste depot for disposal. "People may be surprised to learn that they must not put batteries or old paint cans into their garbage" said Mr. Priebe.

A number of initiatives are planned for the coming year, he said. "We're very interested in trying to find a way to get old appliances, which would otherwise go to landfill, repaired and given to people in need. We're also interested in refurbishing discarded furniture for the same reason; however, our group doesn't have the expertise, so we're hoping people will come forward who have some familiarity with such programs."

The group is also planning to hold a town-wide garage sale, "but in order for us to keep organizing, we need to hear from citizens that they support this campaign." For more information, visit the Town's website, call 905-640-8294 or send an e-mail to recycle@enoreo.on.ca.



The newly-renovated Lion of Stouffville features a bar with a big screen television and a separate and comfortable dining room, complete with a roaring fire. Owner Graham Hoad is expecting a big crowd for the upcoming Superbowl game on Feb. 1.

Warm welcome at The Lion in winter

After undergoing extensive renovations, The Lion of Stouffville has been beautifully transformed without losing any of its genuine pub atmosphere.

The separate bar incorporates a state-of-the-art big screen television for major sporting events, dart boards and an impressive range of brews on tap. Avid sports fans have been flocking to the bar, and owner Graham Hoad anticipates a large crowd for the Super Bowl on Feb. 1.

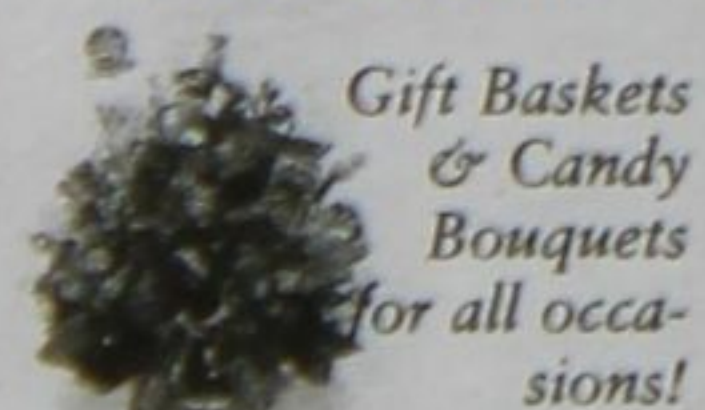
An enclosed fireplace and the elegant custom-made Wilton carpet, exported from England, provide a cosy ambience in the dining area, which offers an excellent selection of both pub and restaurant fare for the whole family. With the complete separation of restaurant and bar, the pub caters to both non-smokers and smokers and also accommodates those who come to socialize rather than watch television.

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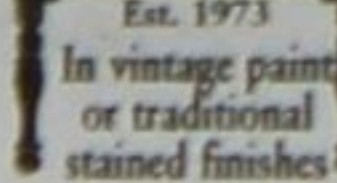
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