

## Hippity, hop for Muscular Dystrophy

Youngsters from My First Daycare in Stouffville participated in the Hop for Muscular Dystrophy on April 14 and 15. Back row, left to right: Elijah Blake, Joseph Tan, Catherine Virdiramo, Alanna Davis, Nicolette Didone, Andrea Lehming. Front row: Riley Evans, Hailey VanderBurgt, Quinn Kember, Ryan Watson.



## MS Society will hold spring carnation sale in front of LCBO store

The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, York East Chapter, will be selling fresh cut and potted carnations in front of the Stouffville LCBO on May 8 and 9.

Multiple Sclerosis is usually diagnosed in young adults aged between 20 and 40 and affects women twice as often as men. By holding its major fundraiser around Mother's Day, the society hopes to raise not only much needed funds, but also to increase awareness of a disease which tends to hit people during their prime family and career building years.

Not only will that beautiful bunch of carnations make a lovely Mother's Day gift, it will also help in the fight against MS.

## April showers bring..... Wet and musty basements?

Here are a few simple tips to help make your home a better, drier and healthier place to live.

Inspect and clean all your eavestroughs and downspouts.

Make sure the water from the downspouts is directed well away from your foundation. The general grade around your home should slope away from your home so not to attract or create that "pool effect" around the perimeter of your home.

Clean out all debris from inside the window wells.

If you have a humidifier on your furnace make sure the water supply to it is shut off. Many run all year long due to faulty controls.

Pull out the de-humidifier and connect it to a floor drain if possible. If your basement is starting to smell

musty or is humid DO NOT open the basement windows. This is actually bringing in more moisture and will only make the problem worse as the heavier moist air will enter and fall to the floor.

If you own a sump pump it should be maintained annually. This means removing it from the sump pit, cleaning out all the mud, sand or stone that has been drawn in, and changing the check valve. If your pump has a lot of junk built upon it submerge it in some vinegar and warm water or "CLR". And don't forget about possible power outages. A good quality battery back up with an alarm is a must have. Remember the power outage last summer.

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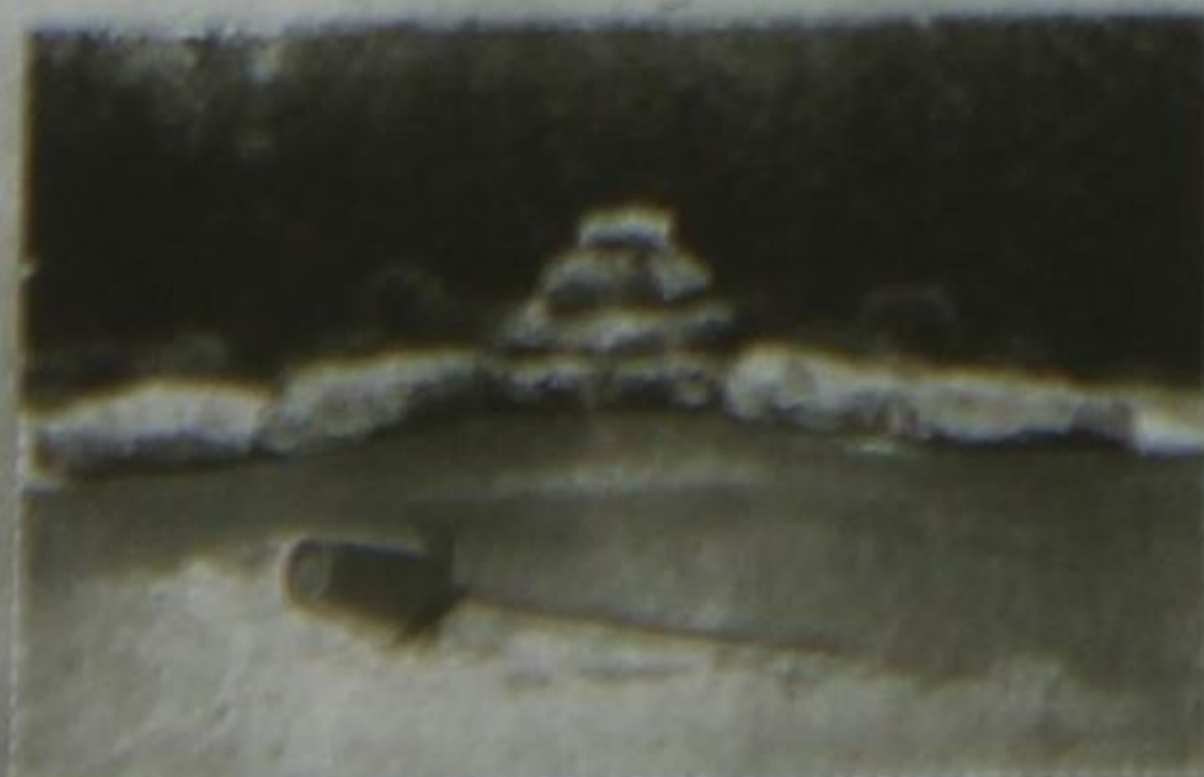
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