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People prefer to follow those who help them, not those who intimidate them.

-- C. Gene Wilkes

If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost. That is where they should be. Now put the foundation under them.

-- Henry David Thoreau

You are what you think. You are what you go for. You are what you do!

-- Bob Richards



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The NEWS of June 2004

OUR OWN LITTLE FREE EVENT

**That's right; Some Things in
Life are Free!**

When: June 17, 2004
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Where: Hanson's Restaurant
3721 Aurora Rd.
(at Kennedy Road)

Why: Members of the Whichchurch-Stouffville Chamber Of Commerce deserve something free in life and it gives our members a chance to network.

Reservations Only: By June 14th
Call Jonathon @ (905) 642-4227



You are Invited:

June 19, 2004 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. **Lafarge** is inviting the public to an open house at 14204 Durham Rd. 30 (Tenth Line), Stouffville. The event will happen rain or shine. There will be kids entertainment such as face painting, sand box, mini put, and a jumping castle. There will also be live music, draw prizes, and tree planting for the adults. RSVP: Debbie at (905) 640-5883 ext. 118. Non-perishable donations will be accepted for the local food bank.

GOLF TOURNAMENT WAS ANOTHER SUCCESS!

First, we would like to send a big thanks to all the golfers of the day. A special thanks to our sponsors and volunteers. (we could not have done this without you guys!)

You all came together to make this event another Chamber success. Once again, thank you everyone.

BIG BIKE BIG THANKS

We would like to thank the people at Pace Credit Union who helped us fill our BIG BIKE. We would also like to thank all the bikers who raised money for this great cause. However, I'm sorry but I don't think we'll make it to the Olympics this time. Another fun event.

ELECTION, ELECTION

The Oakridges/Markham Riding

Your chamber will be submitting questions for the candidates in the upcoming debate that will be aired on **Rogers Cable** Sunday, June 20, 2004 at 1:00pm. It will be repeated on June 21st at 7:00pm. Full coverage of the election is on Monday June 28th at 9:00pm.

ALL CANDIDATES MEETING

The following are the organizations that are sponsoring an all candidates meeting for Oakridges/ Markham riding.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber
Richmond Hill Chamber
King Chamber
Richmond Hill-Markham Chinese Business Association
York Region Newspaper Group

On June 24th at 7:00pm the meeting will be held at **Holy Trinity School** on 11300 Bayview Ave. All voters in Oakridges/Markham riding are welcome.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE POSITIONS ON THE ELECTION

After an analysis of the Federal Political Parties Economic and Business policies (based on party platforms and statements as of June 1st, 2004) the Canadian Chamber of Commerce priorities are as follows:

Fiscal Policies:

- No deficit budgets.
- Personal income tax cut priority is for low and middle income families.

- Further reduce the effective rate of tax on capital.
- Reduce debt to GDP ratio below 25% by 2013.
- Keep EI premium rate equal to costs of benefits.

Energy/Environment:

- With climate change, understand the link to energy issues and the need for technological solutions over a longer period of time.
- A science-based approach to environmental regulations.

Health Care:

- Improve patient access by improving efficiency.
- Greater accountability through performance benchmarks.
- Increased role for private sector service delivery in publicly funded system.

International Relations:

- Resolve Canada-US trade disputes.
- Fully implement Canada-US border agenda.

Revenue for Municipalities:

- Municipalities need to secure new arrangements to diversify their revenue base and finance ongoing needs.
- Ensure overall tax burden for Canadians does not increase if a portion of federal gas tax revenue is transferred to municipalities.



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