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RICK NOREMBERG has a long history of charity work in the city, including organizing the Big Brothers soap box derby back in 1991 and 1992. His community spirit has passed on to his kids Adrien, Rachel and Rebecca, who have grown up to be active in community work.



Rick Norenberg: A swell big brother to have

By DAN PELTON
Staff Reporter

In times of trouble and grief in our youth, many of us turned to a big brother for help. Rick Norenberg has been a big brother to hundreds of kids through his involvement with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Dufferin.

"Rick has been a wonderful supporter of ours for years," says Nancy Stallmach, executive director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Dufferin. "The money he raises really helps our programs."

Mr. Norenberg's 18-year history with the organization got rolling, literally, with a soap box derby that was held in Mono Mills in 1991 and 1992. Not only did he organize the race, he and his fellow volunteers

built 13 cars for the inaugural derby; a resounding success that drew close to 70 entrants.

Orangeville Home Hardware became an ardent participant in the event after Mr. Norenberg came into the store looking for 40 wheel barrow wheels.

"They were a little reluctant to order them," Mr. Norenberg recalls, "because the wheels were something they may sell one or two of every two years."

Not only did Home Hardware end up ordering the wheels, but it became an active participant to the point where employees were building their own car in the store during business hours.

While a successful event, the soap box derby

was time-consuming. Mr. Norenberg continued to support the Big Brothers and Big Sisters by consistently being one of the most prolific fund-raisers for the organization's annual bowling fund-raiser.

He can't take the entire credit, however, or nor does he try to. He credits success to his co-workers at MacMaster Pontiac Buick GMC. He said Dealer principal Danny Bracket "is always encouraging to get out and do things in the community."

It also appears Mr. Norenberg's community spirit is infectious. His son Adrien and daughters Rachel and Rebecca are also active in area charities and staging benefit concerts.

Orangeville school gets award for academic performance, achievement

An Orangeville school has been recognized as among the best elementary schools in Ontario at the fifth annual Garfield Weston Awards for Excellence in Education dinner in Toronto Tuesday.

St. Peter School received School of Distinction recognition in the Improvement in Academics category.

"The teachers, support staff, and administrators of St. Peter School are pathfinders who continually find new ways to help their students achieve more in school. We are delighted to honour their hard work and achievement," said Peter Cowley, director of school performance studies at the Vancouver-based Fraser Institute. "Celebrating the accomplishments of these educators enables them to share their successes and inspire others."

Barn fire 'suspicious'

At about 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Dufferin OPP officers who went to a barn fire in the Township of East Luther Grand Valley, near the intersection of the 2nd Line and 21-22 Sideroad, found the barn had been completely destroyed by the fire, with damage estimated at \$100,000.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, and an OPP release termed the fire "suspicious."

Police are asking anyone with information to contact Sgt. Watt at Dufferin OPP, 519-925-3838.

The awards are based on an analysis of the Ministry of Education's student results data for each school included in the Fraser Institute's annual Report Card on Ontario's Elementary Schools. Out of 2,786 English and French, public and separate elementary schools from across Ontario, only the top one per cent (i.e., the top 30 schools) in each category

were invited to participate in the awards. About 550 educators from across the province attended the reception and awards dinner.

Awards were presented in three categories, each reflecting different aspects of academic success. Improvement in Academics recognizes schools that have experienced the fastest, most consistent

improvement in their academic performance over the past five years. Determination in Academic Achievement recognizes schools that ensure that their students succeed regardless of the hurdles they may face. This award challenges the notion that only schools in rich neighbourhoods perform well academically. The award for Overall Academic

Achievement recognizes schools whose students have achieved remarkable, ongoing academic success over the past five years.

"Regardless of whether they finish as a winner, a runner-up, or a school of distinction, the school teams being honoured by the Weston Awards are among the very best in the entire province," Cowley said.

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING AMENDMENTS OPZ 5/08 TOWN OF ORANGEVILLE

The Planning Act (s.26(1)) requires that municipalities consider reviewing their Official Plan every 5 years to ensure that it complies with Provincial Policies and Plans. Since the previous Official Plan review and update, a number of new policy initiatives have emerged from the Province. On October 6, 2008, Council directed that an Official Plan Review and implementing Zoning By-law update be launched and on October 28, 2008, a Public Open House was held to seek public input. Since that time, staff have gathered additional input from the public through the distribution of a survey, consulted with various committees and stakeholders and undertaken best practice research to develop a number of proposed policy changes. On April 6, 2009, Council directed that the proposed policy changes be presented to the public for comment and input.

TAKE NOTICE THAT on Wednesday, April 29, 2009, from 4:00pm to 8:00pm, a second Public Open House will be held to introduce the proposed policy changes for the Town's Official Plan and corresponding Zoning By-law. This event will be held in the Atrium of the Town Hall, Municipal Offices, 87 Broadway, Orangeville. The proposed new policies for the Official Plan are intended to take advantage of new Provincial planning tools and to bring the Official Plan into conformity with new Provincial legislation, introduce new sustainability policies that will encourage the integration of social, economic, cultural and environmental principles into all decision-making processes and to encourage the Municipality to be a responsible consumer and development to take place in a responsible manner. There are also several site specific amendments proposed for the following properties:

- 59 Town Line
- 288-306 Broadway
- 59 Third Street
- West Broadway
- Humber College Lands

All persons interested in the proposed new policies for the Official Plan and Zoning By-law are invited to attend the public open house. There will be an opportunity to ask questions of Planning Department staff. Written comments may also be submitted either before or at the open house. Following the Public Open House, Council will hold a Public Meeting as per the details below.

TAKE NOTICE THAT on Monday, May 4, 2009, on or about the hour of 7:00 pm, the Council of the Town of Orangeville will consider the above noted proposal. This public meeting will be held in the **Council Chambers, Municipal Offices, 87 Broadway, Orangeville.**

All persons interested in the above proposal are invited to attend the public meeting. Those persons who attend the public meeting will be given an opportunity to ask questions or to make an oral submission to Council. Written comments, addressed to the Mayor and Members of Council, may also be submitted either before or at the meeting.

This upcoming public meeting is the statutory public meeting required by the Planning Act before Council enacts official plan and zoning by-law amendments. If a person or public body that files an appeal of the decision of the Town of Orangeville in respect of the requested official plan and zoning by-law amendments does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Orangeville before the proposed official plan and zoning by-law amendments are adopted and enacted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the enactment of the official plan and zoning by-law amendments, you must make a written request to the Clerk, Town of Orangeville, 87 Broadway, Orangeville, Ontario, L9W 1K1.

A full marked-up copy of the Official Plan containing all the proposed new policies can be viewed on the Town's website at www.orangeville.ca.

Additional information, including a report containing an overview of the proposed policies, may be obtained by contacting James Stiver, Director of Planning, at (519) 941-0440 ext. 249 or jstiver@orangeville.ca.



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For information, call Lynne Smith 519-941-0381 or Shirley Jemmett 519-942-8675

EXTENDED DEADLINE: Tuesday, April 14th, 2009

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The County of Dufferin currently has Tender packages available for the following:

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