



Monkey business

Robert Kellas, 7, was one of several kids who took in Safari Day at the Acton Library during March Break. He tested his skill at picking up paper monkeys with his mouth, and did pretty well at it. Other activities the kids tried that day included a ball toss into a cardboard alligator's mouth, and pin the feather on the parrot (pin the tail on the donkey with a safari twist).

Residents concerned

A spokesperson for the Metcalfe Court and area residents group says they have several concerns about a proposed stormwater pond to be constructed in Georgetown at the end of Metcalfe Court.

Gary Prenevost says the negative effect the pond will have on property values, the aesthetic integrity of the Silver Creek ravine and safety of children who play in that area are the main concerns of the residents. Several of them turned out at a project information centre Wednesday on the pond at George Kennedy School held by Milran Development Consultants.

"We are also concerned that this thing is not going to go through normal due process," said Prenevost. "This is the first we have heard of the pond. The last thing we want is to have this pushed through before we have a chance to appear before council."

He added that the group plans to appear as a delegation at the committee meeting on April 19.

Ernie Bodnar, of Milran Development Consultants, says the pond likely won't be constructed until next summer and could cost about \$300,000. The Ministry of Natural Resources is requesting it.

The pond, which when full could be three metres deep, could span three or four acres and should improve the quality of the stormwater entering Silver Creek from the existing Metcalfe Ravine storm sewer system. The property for the pond actually had to be purchased from Enterac Development.

The pond is supposed to catch the water that runs off surrounding roadways and roofs before it flows into Silver Creek. The pond may or may not be fenced



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