



Residents, staff and elected representatives were all out working Saturday morning to construct a creative play area for kids in Sussex Park, just north of Centre Street and east of Newkirk Road. (Liberal photo by Shaaron Hay).

## The parents played in new Sussex Park

Parents got their chance to play in Sussex Park Saturday morning.

Some interested residents, three members of the town's parks and recreation staff and Ward 2 Councillor, Al Duffy, got together to build the second part of a creative play area in the park.

Sussex Park, located off Centre Street, behind Thornhaven School, which was originally a flat path area between Crosby Heights Senior Public School and Centre Street, now boasts of a man made hill and valley area and a junior and senior

wooden play area complete with bars, stairs, ramps and tubular slides.

Councillor Duffy said although his ward has the major arenas, the area did not have neighbourhood facilities for children.

"I've been working on this since I got on council three and one-half years ago," said the councillor.

The town of Richmond Hill paid for the equipment, but the residents supplied the labor to construct the play area.

"It saves about one-half the cost to do it that way," said Councillor Duffy.

The junior play area was built about five weeks ago, again by residents.

Dave George of 113 Rockport Crescent, with two children to use the facilities said he enjoyed doing the work and liked the community involvement.

"We're using it," he said, "so why not help." Superintendent of Recreation,

Lynton Friedberg, who also was helping Saturday, said the next project will be the planting of trees and shrubs to beautify the park, and a picnic area with tables so there is a place mothers can bring their young children.

Councillor Duffy said if home owners in other areas of town can demonstrate a need and are willing to donate their time, the parks and recreation department will supply the material and expertise to set up similar centres for children.

## Art in Park at Mill Pond this Sunday

Several Richmond Hill artists met last summer and formed an 'Artists Guild'. In an exchange of ideas, they started a new tradition in the community.

Art in the Park was held last summer at the Mill Pond and the attendance prompted a repeat performance this year.

This year's program will be held June 25 (Sunday) at the Mill Pond from noon to dusk. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring a picnic if you like and enjoy the exhibits of art work.

Artists participating this year will include: Elsie Edmed, Lydia Hachmer, Janet Waterhouse, Judith Tonzalin, Carol Shugar, Khatcho Yazedjian, May McKay, Anna Hunter and Amelia McIntyre.

Some of their work was displayed at the Richmond Hill library during March, and those who saw it then, will be back during Art in the Park.

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## Hospital Foundation seeking more than \$1/2 million in 2 years

York Central Hospital Foundation, the fund raising arm of the hospital, will try to raise \$600,000 by 1980 in order to proceed with renovations of the original hospital building.

Total costs for the renovations are expected to be around \$1,950,000. The foundation has close to \$450,000 already, and Government grants will amount to \$900,000, leaving \$600,000 to come from the community.

These figures are part of the financial statements presented at the first annual meeting

of York Central Hospital Foundation held last Wednesday at the hospital.

To get the fund raising started, members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 375 in Richmond Hill presented a cheque for \$5,975. They wish the money used to buy equipment for the Cardiac Care Unit.

In its first 11 months as a chartered organization, the foundation cleared \$217,000 for distribution in the hospital.

Money donated to the hospital comes from many sources; some

from pledges which are paid over a long period of time, and some from straight donations.

The longest contributor to the hospital is York

Central Hospital Auxiliary. In four years, members have donated more than \$160,000.

Students from Crosby Heights Senior Public

School have been holding walk-a-thons for nine years to raise money for the hospital. In that time, they have donated more than \$30,000.

Directors for the foundation for the coming years are: Joan Paton, William Kedwell, Grace Jackson and Ross Scrimger.

These four people plus most members of the foundation have had many years experience in the field of fund raising.

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