



Kathleen Wilson provides a service to both the human and the bird population of the area. Kathleen is one of the owners of a local business called Conservation Enterprises, supplying essentials for wild birds, bird watchers and bird banders. (Liberal Photo by one of the owners of a local business called Conservation Enterprises, supplying essentials for wild birds, bird watchers and bird banders. (Liberal Photo by one of the owners of a local business called Conservation Enterprises, supplying essentials for wild birds, bird watchers and bird banders.)

Here's a haven for bird buffs

When Kathleen Wilson is in the kitchen preparing nut cakes it does not mean she is expecting human company for dinner.

Kathleen and her husband John are the proprietors of Conservation Enterprises on Edgar Avenue in Thornhill and Kathleen prepares nut cakes, a food supplement for woodpeckers and flickers, in her own kitchen, attached to the shop. Conservation Enterprises is a specialty shop stocking essential items for birdwatchers including all sizes and shapes of feeders and homes, feed mixtures and bird baths, as well as bird records, binoculars, bird art and books, knick-knacks and paraphernalia for the enthusiast.

This time of year many people are looking for the first robin heralding spring but Kathleen said crows are actually the first birds to return and the singing of male cardinals is another good sign of spring as cardinals begin early to establish their territory.

Many people, said Kathleen, start feeding wild birds when the snow arrives and stop when it melts, but she warned that feeding should not stop until well into spring.

"There still isn't that much food around," she said.

"And, there is nothing wrong with summer feeding," she continued.

Kathleen has been a birdwatcher since childhood when she accompanied her naturalist father on

excursions, and she feels the process of urbanization has had its effect on the bird population.

Highways, utility corridors and housing subdivisions have necessitated the removal of trees and bushes therefore destroying wildlife shelter and forcing birds that otherwise would have occupied the area to find other accommodation.

This is why one of the best ways to entice birds to gardens is to plant trees and berry bushes that both feed and shelter many species.

Birds go where the food is, said Kathleen, and Conservation Enterprises has a full selection of seeds and nuts and specialty feeders that are doled out by the Wilsons along with advice and recommendations to customers of what feeds are best for certain birds.

By enticing birds to yards and gardens, not only do people derive visual pleasure and a sense of awareness of nature, but birds also help rid gardens of unwanted insects and weed seeds.

Kathleen has one warning for gardeners using pesticides — "follow the directions to the letter," she said.

Many chemicals do not break down in soils and turn up in most unusual places, poisoning birds, said the conservationist.

"This is something people should think about on a personal level," she said.

Town seeking to have hydro accountable to this board

Richmond Hill council unanimously passed a resolution requesting the government rule all major Ontario Hydro undertakings be subject to an Environmental Assessment Board hearing. This same resolution will go to Vaughan and Markham councils.

Councillor John Birchall brought the resolution to council and said the intent was to get a full public hearing on the proposed hydro transmission corridor through the three municipalities that would bring out the facts on both sides.

The resolution asks the Minister of the Environment to amend the Environmental Assessment Act to require such hearings and that the latest proposal of hydro be subject to such a hearing prior to any further land acquisition or construction.

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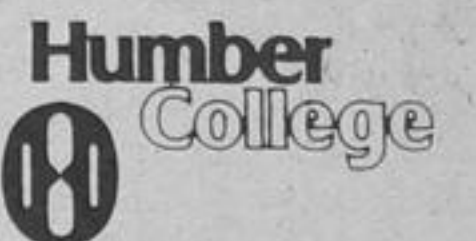
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- 7:45 Irish Dancers
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Winners from the Aurora Bridge Club

Following is a list of results from recent Aurora Bridge Club games:

Wednesday, February 28 — North-South: Rose Morrell and Mabel Howe; Natalie Platner and Mabel Carter; Florence Rentoul and Audrey Worrell.

East-West: Sherry Vogan and Heather Burling; Phyl Mountjoy and Edith Windsor; Nan McLean and Doug Laird.

Friday, March 2 — Overall Howell winners were: Gerry and Ruth Browning; Clea Dieken

and Sandy Jenkinson; Betty Lunn and Shirley Bays; Joan Dawm and Victor Cronshaw.

Monday, March 5 — North-South: Jean Goodwin and Marg Davis; Gerry and Ruth Browning; Omar Khamis and George Newton tied with Victor

Cronshaw and Fred Dieken.

East-West: Marg Melnichuk and Heather Burling; John and Wendy Hunter; Phyl Mountjoy and Mabel Howe.

Monday's Side Game winners: Karen Pepper and Sherry Inksetter; Nancy King

and A. Underhill; Margert and Andy Durnford tied with Eileen Bancroft-Wilson and John Layton.

March 19 and 26 have been set aside for Monday night two session trophy play; open pairs games and all are welcome.

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The Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Committee of the Council of the Town of Markham to consider an Official Plan Amendment for the part of Lots 14 and 15, Concession 3, and an amendment to the Secondary Plan (PD 13-1) for the Brown's Corners Planning District.

The subject lands of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and of the amendment of the Secondary Plan are as shown on the map below. The purpose of the Official Plan Amendment is to redesignate the subject lands from TRANSPORTATION AND UTILITIES to INDUSTRIAL.

The purpose of the amendment to the Secondary Plan is to designate the subject lands as Industrial-Commercial in accordance with the designations established in the adopted Secondary Plan.

You are invited to attend the Hearing and to state your support of or objection to the proposed Official Plan Amendment and amendment to the Secondary Plan. Should you be unable to attend, written submissions will be received up to the time of the Hearing. The proposed Official Plan Amendment, Secondary Plan and the Official Plan and existing land use maps may be examined at the office of the Planning Department. DATED February 22, 1979 T. GOVE, CHAIRMAN PLANNING COMMITTEE T.M. JANUSZEWSKI, PLANNING DIRECTOR



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- 4. Leaving the TV on in one room while you eat dinner in another.
- 5. Cooking on an element too big for the pot.
- 6. Brightening up the house at dusk by turning on all the lights.
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