

Markham has novel position

MARKHAM — There are no embassies in Markham, but the town's soon to have its first ambassador.

Admittedly, the territory's small, (Main Street), but the job is immense. Starting in mid-June, the young diplomat, either male or female, will parade up and down the town's central thoroughfare, dispatching goodwill, directions and entertainment to interested passersby, and any loose litter that may be about, to its proper place of confinement.

It's all part of the Markham Business Improvement Association's plan to add a little spice and color to the area for the summer months. And judging from the number of applications received by BIA member, Diane Stewart Nigh of 129 Main North, the idea's just been sitting there waiting its time.

By noon of the next day after advertising for a student with an "outgoing personality," among other things, for the job, she had already received 12 submissions.

The applicants, who listed among their accomplishments, everything from playing the mouth organ to riding a unicycle, strangely enough, were all boys.

The unique idea, "brand new," says Diane, was dreamed up by Bill Jackson, vice-chairman of the BIA, and will be part of the Heritage Day celebrations, June 24-25, as well.

Other features will include a window display contest, the best one depicting the "Village of Oldie," 2,000 green and gold balloons (BIA's colors) for Main Street merchants and the ambassador; 27 flags with the BIA logo, bedecking the street, along with the many flower boxes and their varied arrays.

Right now, however, selecting an ambassador is the main job at hand for the committee.

So, if you're outgoing, entertaining, can play a musical instrument, and don't mind stooping now and then to pick up the litter, then Markham's Main Street could be just up your alley.

Anyone interested can drop into Diane's Typing, or call 294-7094; between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Child abuse

STOUFFVILLE — "Child Abuse" will be the subject of a film and discussion, Wednesday, May 25, (to-night), when the Summitview Parent-Teacher Association holds its final meeting of the school year. Time of the event is 7:30 p.m.

Myra Hurst-Duval, co-ordinator of Community and Staff Resources for the York Region office of the Children's Aid Society, will present a film entitled "Do I Have To Kill My Child?" A question and answer period will follow. Refreshments will be served.

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