

Festival a milestone says 1984 chairman

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Festival Chairman

The 1984 Markham Village Festival is another milestone in my Kinsmen life. I have been a Kinsman for over 14 years and this year because of my involvement with the festival will rank with the better years.

This is a new venture for me having just moved into the Markham community in June 1982. What better way to become involved in the community than to be on the Festival Committee.

The committee is made up of 12 separate subcommittees of Kinsmen or Kinettes. This is, of course, an endeavour that takes all three arms of the Kin family to run.

The Kinsmen Club, the Kinette Club (wives), the Senators (over-the-hill kinsmen) and even Kin wives who are not members of the Kinette Club, pitch in to run the children's games by the north stage.

As a new resident to Markham it is gratifying to see the co-operation of all the municipal services enabling the closing of a major highway and provision for special services.

The festival not only raises funds for Kinsmen service projects, it enables local crafts people to exhibit their wares, other service clubs to raise funds and the children of all ages to have some fun.

This year's festival will follow the

same format as last year. Friday, June 22 is the day of the opening ceremonies which will be held at the Centennial Arena just prior to a new and better Second City presentation. This is followed by a dance in the arena.

Saturday morning June 23 we will close Main St. from Hwy.7, north, detouring traffic to McCowan Rd. or 9th Line to 16th Ave. This will happen at 7 a.m.

The crafts and food booths will start to set-up and be ready by 9 a.m.

The Fun Run will be getting started in the morning from Markham District High School and end on Main St. While this is going on, the carnival will crank up for the entertainment of the visitors.

We will again have two stages. The north stage by the church will have professional entertainers for the children including jugglers, magician, ventriloquist and others.

The south stage will be moved closer to the centre of the Main St. this year, allowing for more room for the new entertainment caravan provided by Humber College. This will be just north of Hwy.7.

This year has the potential to be both entertaining and profitable for the community.

The Kinsmen and other individuals have done their jobs. It is now in the hands of Mother Nature.



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