

Weekender

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## Success for drive

The United Way of York Region topped the \$1 million mark for the first this year in what has to be called its most successful fund-raising campaign ever.

Aside from the success in hitting the \$1 million goal, the United Way is coming of age in other ways — it is finding broader community support in its fundraising as an example.

The decision last year to decentralize fund-raising by appointing chairmen in each municipality gave a local flavor to the campaign. Also, an ambitious campaign to reach large and medium-sized businesses even before the formal 1985 fund drive began paid off with increased corporate giving.

Despite the significant gains, the United Way has a long way to go. Although \$1 million sounds like a lot of money, the agency really needed around \$1.2 million to properly fund the 30 agencies which depend on it for support.

And that is a matter of frustration to both the United Way people and the agencies involved. Still, this year's campaign is encouraging — funds are up considerably over last year, and an improved organization is developing that will bring greater success in year's to come.



## Weekender Mailbag

### 'Landon insensitive'

Dear Sirs:

Re: Tilman Circle

My family and I moved to Tilman Circle in Markham in August 1984. At that time workmen were sodding the property and putting in sidewalks and walkways.

We were told by the builder, the Georgian Group, that there would be a walkway almost directly across the street. It was quite evident on the plan that there was sufficient area between two houses for the purposes of a sidewalk.

Subsequent to the purchase of the property, we found out that it was not a walkway as the lands were wholly owned by the adjacent landowners. It was apparent that there was a planning goof.

The residents of Tilman Circle and Larkin Ave. and surrounding area put together a petition and it was put forth to the mayor and members of Markham Council so that they could give due consideration to the allocation of a walkway.

To this end a letter was also addressed to Ward 5 Councillor

Gord Landon sending him a copy of the letter to the mayor and members of council along with a copy of the petition dealing with the people that he serves in his constituency. I never received a response to that letter from Councillor Landon.

At the meeting of the mayor and members of Council, when Mr. Landon was in attendance, there was a motion put forth on the floor by Councillor Landon that the application by the residents of Tilman Circle, Larkin Ave. and surrounding areas be defeated. The motion was duly approved by all members of the Markham Town Council.

The difficulty I have with the

application is that Councillor Landon did not respond to the letter of his constituents and moreover he put forward the motion to defeat our application.

It is readily apparent that he was most insensitive to the people that he claimed to serve. I would have expected that he would have taken up the call of the residents that he serves. Not only did he not take up that call, but he went out of his way to ensure that the application would be defeated.

Considering his conduct, I cannot see how he could have the support of the residents of Tilman Circle and surrounding area.

Morton Adelson  
Markham

### Fundraising dance a 'success'

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Information Markham, I would like to take this opportunity of publicly thanking the following for helping to make our Margarita Night-Fundraising Dance an

outstanding success. Faith Robinson School of Cooking, 2nd Markham Guides, Joyce Ramer-Walker, Remax Markville Realty, Hogan Chev-Olds, Garden Party Flowers, Ben Edwards, John Gardner, Joan & Derek Hicks,

Canadian Tire Corporation, Markham Fruit Market and McDonald's Restaurant.

Valerie Davidge,  
Executive Director  
Information Markham

## Drop us a line

If you have a beef or want to pat someone on the back, sit down and write a letter to the Weekender.

Deadline is noon Thursday prior to publication. Names may be withheld on request at the discretion of the editor. Under no circumstances will anonymous letters be published. The address is 9 Heritage Rd., Markham, Ontario L3P 1M3.

## Alzheimer group thankful for story

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Board of the Alzheimer Society of York Region, I would like to thank you most sincerely for your recent publication of an article concerning Alzheimer's Disease and the fact that November is Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month.

This type of press coverage helps so much in creating awareness of the disease and of our new chapter of the society.

However, we did notice that there was no contact telephone number mentioned and perhaps you would like to inform your readers that if they need to reach the Alzheimer Society of York Region, they should phone Angela Morris (our president) at 226-6995.

We are very excited at the prospect of opening in the very near future a permanent office at 47 Main St. South, Newmarket.

Once again, many thanks for your help and co-operation.

Isabel Friedl  
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