



Provincial award

Provincial Solicitor General Ken Keyes presented an award to Mrs. Marianne MacBride, president of Markham Village Block Parent Association Friday. The award recognizes the strong team effort in the Village in the area of crime prevention. — Roberta Di Maio

Markham Block Parents awarded for team work

By EDO VAN BELKOM

The Markham Block Parents Association was presented with a Solicitor General's award as the 1986 Crime Prevention Week (Nov. 2-8) seminar series made a stop at Richmond Hill's Parkway Sheraton Hotel last Friday. It was the ninth and final stop on the province-wide tour.

On hand to present the awards were federal Solicitor General James Kelleher and Provincial Solicitor General Ken Keyes.

The Markham Block Parents Association award was presented to its president Marianne MacBride by Mr. Keyes. It was noted during the presentation that the group is now in its tenth year of providing programs designed to counteract circumstances such as suspicious persons, the threat of abduction, assault and missing persons.

It was also noted that the program has considerably reduced the fear factor about child-related criminal activity.

Although Mrs. MacBride accepted the award on behalf of the association she refused to take

credit for the success of the program herself.

"It's an honour," she said after receiving the award, "a lot of people have done hard work for this, it's a real team thing."

There are approximately 850 Block Parents in the Village of Markham, but the success of the program is not a result of the numbers involved but rather, because of the individuals who are a part of the program.

"The program thrives so well because it stems from a sense of caring and safety in the village and keeping the small town atmosphere alive," said Glynns Crocco, Vice President of the Markham Block Parents Association.

Even though the association seems to be on strong footing in Markham, Mrs. MacBride said that there is still a need for more Block Parents. She hopes to have about 250 more in the Village of Markham by the end of the year to round their numbers off at 1,000.

The Solicitor General's Awards are presented annually to Ontario residents who make outstanding

efforts in the field of crime prevention and underline the importance of co-operation between the police and the public.

The day was filled with crime prevention seminars and included presentations of nine federal and 20 provincial crime prevention awards.

"The people of Ontario are getting involved in crime prevention and are reaping the benefits of that involvement," said Mr. Keyes.

Crime Stoppers Vandals at golf club

By INSP BARRY DELANEY

Toronto and Regional Crime Stoppers, and York Regional Police are seeking the assistance of the public in solving a Malicious Damage in Thornhill.

Between October 5 & 6, 1986 persons unknown entered an unlocked shed at the Thornhill Golf and Country Club. Once inside, two golf carts were removed and driven around the course and over greens in a careless manner.

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