

Here's a use for autumn leaves

Due to recent heavy frosts, many Markham and Stouffville back yards, (and front yards), are blanketed with leaves.

By government order, (provincial and municipal), it's illegal to burn them. It's also costly to bag them. So what are home-owners to do?

Make a compost, advises Ralph Spademan of Spademan's Waste Removal, Hwy. 47, Whitchurch-Stouffville. How does this work?

Ellie Cavanagh, York Region's Agricultural Representative suggests using a wood frame container. The leaves should be piled inside, packed down and covered with light layers of soil.

Watering and regular turning, speeds up decomposition, he says. When the snow melts, a high nitrogen fertilizer should be added. The compost, in most cases, won't be useable until the fall of '88, Mr. Cavanagh explains.

Mr. Spademan isn't refusing to pick up bagged leaves. He points out, however, that dumping costs are extremely high.

Last month alone, the privilege of dumping at the Keele Street site totalled \$110,000.

"It's high and it's going to be higher," he predicts, suggesting the figure could exceed two million dollars in 1988.

A brave young man

Kevan Ghadery, agreed to participate at a fashion show, Oct. 22, hosted by the Parents' Group of Whitchurch-Highlands Public School in Stouffville. He even agreed to accompany two pretty girls, Amy Hisey, (left), and Bethany McNamara, and smile while doing it. The promenade attracted a large crowd of appreciative moms and dads.

— Jim Thomas



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Councillors have no calling for cellular car telephones

By STEVE HOUSTON
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Few of Markham's town councillors have opted to reach out and touch someone.

Only two officials installed cellular car phones in the last year, and both say they pay for them out of their own pockets.

Aside from a town-paid phone for Markham Mayor Carole Bell, councillors opted out of a half-and-half payment plan with the town in 1986 after much local criticism.

Town council had passed a resolution allowing the installation and use of car phones. Half the tab was eligible for payment by Markham taxpayers.

Unionville Councillor Fred Cox bought a phone while Markham Councillor Gord Landon leased one. Cox pays a monthly average of \$80 while Land-

on says his bills total some \$140.

Both say they find the phones useful for returning town-related phone calls.

"I find it convenient. If I'm driving, I'll call the town and get messages so I can start calling people back," says Cox, who also uses the phone for his company, Canadian Tel-A-Views.

But, he adds, "the town has not paid one cent," for the luxury.

Landon, who also foregoes mileage expense remuneration, says the phone is used more for town-related business than personal business.

He adds that it has come in handy for reporting incidents on town streets that require attention.

"I've come upon sites where there's been an accident, and once I saw a watermain break," Landon says. "I find the phone's been extremely useful."

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