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Festival preparation

Stouffville's Main Street merchants have been busy all week preparing for the festivities and visitors that will come with the Festival of Bells this weekend. In the photo at left, Doris Redquest of Josephine's Fashions and Petite Collection dresses up a



Photo: JIM THOMAS

mannequin while at right, Anna Smart displays a Christmas gift basket prepared at Thomas' Coffee, Tea and Delicacies. The Festival takes place Friday night.

To the Residents of WARD 5 Markham



Thank-you for your confidence by electing me as your Councillor. I would especially like to thank my friends, both old and new for their trust in me, your hard work and dedication was the key to our success.

David Tsubouchi

City of Toronto Contract Compliance Notice of Program Extension

The effective date of Toronto City Council's Contract Compliance Program has been extended to July 3, 1989.

By July 3, 1989, all firms which seek to obtain City business are required to file data on the characteristics of their workforces, including occupational groupings and salary, as a condition of being eligible for City business.

All firms that obtain business from the City are also required to adopt and post non-discrimination policies so that they can be seen by employees and members of the public.

The City will hold information and clinic sessions to help you meet these requirements.

To obtain copies of the Equal Opportunity forms, and to register for an information session, please contact the City of Toronto

Equal Opportunity Division,
Contract Compliance Program,
180 Dundas Street West,
Suite 301,
Toronto, Ontario
M5G 1Z8

Telephone: (416) 392-6822.
A. L. Stevenson,
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Management Services
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Feast honored Christmas past

By RUTH BURKHOLDER
Victorian Christmas dinners were normally worth remembering for many days.

In the place of honor would be a large roast of the best beef, surrounded with roast potatoes and accompanied by slivered carrots, baked squash, creamed onions, stewed tomatoes, homemade pickles, winter slaw, homemade rolls and patties of fresh-churned butter.

Flaming plum pudding with hard sauce or caramel sauce was served to already over-satiated family members.

The table was set with the best china, with a lavish centerpiece of cedar boughs, fruit and nuts. Coffee and tea were served in the drawing room after dinner along with the best of cheese and crackers, mince and lemon tarts.

In the centre of this room would be the tree, decorated with small fans, lace rings, stuffed birds, popcorn and berry strings, all illuminated with candles.

Paper chains would be spread abundantly around the room.

In an attempt to imitate a Victorian Christmas, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Historical Society held just such a feast Wednesday night.

The Lemonville Community Centre was the perfect setting for the occasion with a large "dining room" and equally large "drawing room."

The ladies of Lemonville United Church excelled in the creation of the feast.

Marion Lewis, one of the members, produced an authentically decorated tree (minus the candles). Andrew Smith (and family) made yards of paper chain, and speaker Dorothy Duncan, executive director of the Ontario Historical Society, took everyone back in time with slides of Christmas past.

It was a wonderful evening for the 43 present, and it is hoped, it will be repeated next year.



It's time to do something constructive about affordable housing.

There is only one way to create affordable housing in this province—through constructive action. The Ministry of Housing is taking constructive action through various programs, including our latest initiative, HOMES NOW.

This is the largest single non-profit housing initiative undertaken by the province. HOMES NOW will provide the resources for non-profit corporations and cooperatives to develop appropriate housing for their communities.

This housing will be created through new construction, and through the purchase or lease of existing buildings.

For local organizations, including churches, service clubs and other associations who wish to form non-profit corporations, HOMES NOW provides grants for incorporation, and loans to help finance housing proposals.

Community action, in concert with the Ministry of Housing, will help meet the housing needs of Ontarians today and tomorrow. All we need now is the involvement of your group.

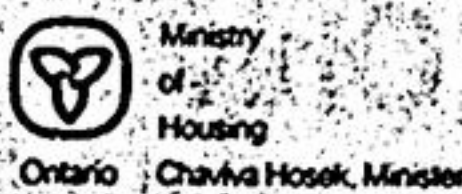


Yes, our non-profit group wants to do something constructive about affordable housing in our community. Please send me, in English, French:

HOMES NOW information

HOMES NOW application for sponsors

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City: _____
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Needy aided in toy drive

By KATE GILDERDALE
Although it's felt that the spirit of Christmas is losing out to relentless commercialism, companies like Family Trust are working hard to keep the magic alive.

Every year, in conjunction with the Stouffville Lions' Club, they organize a toy drive for needy local families, inviting people in the community to donate new and "gently" used toys.

"The only things we can't take are used stuffed animals," notes manager Kathy Clulow. "That's because of health regulations."

Kathy joined the office late last year and was amazed at the number of contributions that flooded in over the pre-Christmas period.

The toys are distributed by the Lions' Club on behalf of Family Trust. "It's strictly local; each of our 32 offices does it and each supports its own community."

The drive kicks off with the Festival of Bells on Friday, and the company also plans to offer hot chocolate to the crowd, as they did last year.

Kathy suggests that people coming to the event bring their gifts unwrapped, so they can be sorted into appropriate age groups.

Sorting and wrapping is done by the Lions' Club and donations can be made until Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Gifts come from young and old, states Kathy.

"Last year we had a lot of kids coming in and giving things, and also a lot of elderly people who came in with something they'd bought specially for the toy drive."

Despite the challenge of climbing over the mountain of toys stacked under the office Christmas tree just to answer her phone, Kathy hopes for even more contributions this year.

"Not only do needy families benefit, other children can also learn that not everyone is as fortunate as they are," she adds.