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## Home Impressions Markham in National Communities in Bloom contest

Residents need to get involved in the beautification of community

The snow has begun to melt, the air has started to lose its chill and we will soon begin to notice the familiar green buds forming on the trees, the fresh green grass beginning to peek through the warming soil and the bright flashes of color as early spring flowers open their petals to the sun.

But this year, more than the flowers and trees will bloom - the

entire town of Markham is about to burst into an extravaganza called Blooming Communities. Unlike with Mother Nature, this program requires

hard work and dedication of town staff, residents and businesses.

Communities in Bloom is a program of municipal beautification designed to involve whole communities in the challenge of improving the visual appeal of Canada's cities, towns and villages.

The Town of Markham placed first provincially in the 1996 Communities in Bloom contest in the 100,000 to 300,000 population category.



Catherines, Ont. Jamie Lowery of the town's Environmental Services department has subcommittees of volunteers, each working toward specific projects - perk up your street

corner, Earth Day at the peace garden; blooming front yard garden contest; adopt-a-path program and Pitch-in Week May 5 to 11 and Urban Fishing Day July 13 to name a few.

Among Markham's competitors were Burlington, St. Catharines and Windsor. Currently, the goal is to be crowned the champions of the 1997 National Communities in Bloom Competition.

### Trying to win the Nationals

In the National Competition, Markham will be facing such communities as: Sannich, B.C., Saskatoon, Sask., Laval, Que., St. John's, Nfld., and St.

**You can help.** Now's the time to get on board:

To participate call Blooming Communities hotline at 475-4725.

With files from Heather McDonald.

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