

New hearing loss books are welcome additions

Donations are one means of obtaining material at the library. In some cases, organizations donate current material in special fields.

Many people will appreciate that the Diabetes Society and the Heart Association have both donated updated material.

Most recently, the York Region Hearing Loss Self-Help Group has donated a selection of books and pamphlets.

The pamphlets will be in the Vertical File under the Heading, Deafness.

Like the books, these pamphlets include information on

deafness in all ages. We are encouraged to think about noise at home, at work, and at play.

Think about rural noise and urban noise. Even think about noisy toys.

"Looking Back Looking Forward," is a book which gives an historical background, and leads up to present day.

It's a good overview with chapters on school years, teenage years, testing, technology, career planning and social life.

This particular book could form the basis for an independent study for any interested students, as well as being a great introduction for any of us.

"Life After Deafness" is a resource

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book for late-deafened adults.

As well as introducing readers to assistive devices as varied as hearing ear dogs and speechreading classes, this book also includes lists of national organizations and lists of resources arranged provincially.

"Learning to Listen" is a book by mothers, for mothers of hearing-impaired children.

A combination of case studies and training programs, this will provide hands-on suggestions.

Parents of any young child may like

to read "A Button in Her Ear." This is the story of an active young girl, who begins to think that everyone matters.

The story has humour and insight. At one point, the teacher tells her class that the next day they will "burn their sweaters."

As can be imagined, the next day is not so exciting when they begin to "learn their letters."

Still, it's the teacher who points out that a hearing aid is not so different from wearing glasses to aid vision. Good thought.

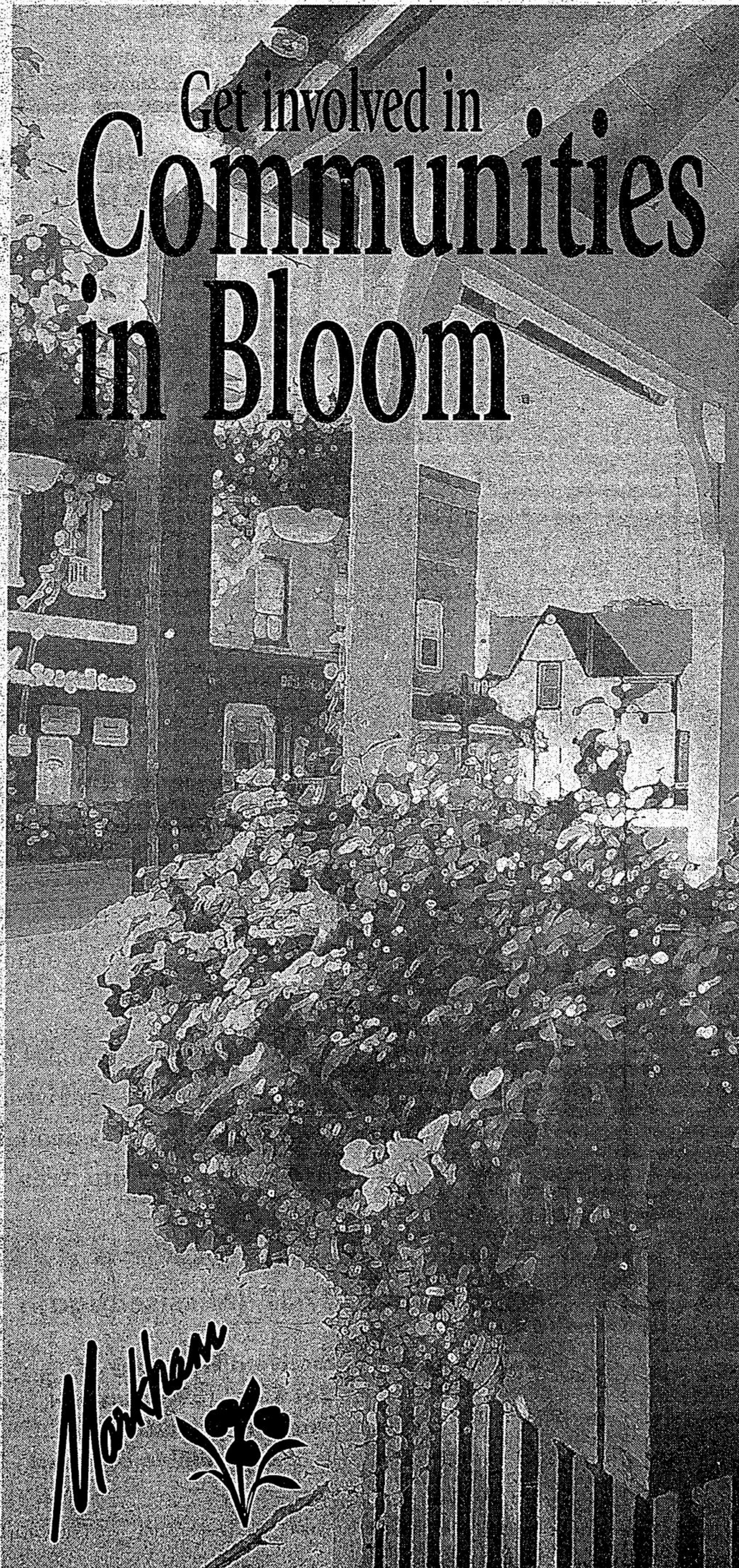
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Get involved in Communities in Bloom

This year, Markham will compete in the national "Communities in Bloom" contest. In August, cities and towns across Canada will be judged on the beauty of their green space, landscaping, environmental initiatives, community involvement and just plain tidiness.

But Markham needs your help to win.

Why not help clean up a local park or green space, spruce up your own gardens, give your house a fresh coat of paint, or encourage your group to Adopt-a-Park. Don't forget to enter your garden (or a friend's) in the Garden Contest.

To find out more about how you or your group can help, or for more information on events please call the Communities in Bloom hotline at 475-4725.

WE CAN'T WIN WITHOUT YOU!

Watch for Communities in Bloom at these events in June & July

- June 21-22 Markham Village Festival
- July 1 Milne Dam Park
Canada Day Celebrations
- July 6 Toogood Pond
Urban Fishing Day
- July 7 Markham Civic Centre
12 noon, Particimetre Event
- July 16 Fundraising Tour of
Communities in Bloom sites
- July 29 Markham Museum
"Summer Sizzle Days" kids event
- July 31 Judges tour of the
Communities in Bloom sites
- July 31 Fred Varley Gallery
"Our Blooming Garden Contest". Winners announced