

# Markham Village Festival

June 19 & 20 Markham Main St.

## Bring the family to the Markham Village Festival

Golf and fishing demonstrations, rides, food, games and more can be

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Bring dad to the Markham Village Festival June 19 and 20. The 21st annual festival takes place Father's Day weekend, and this year, organizers have put together activities perfect for dad and the entire family.

Sports lovers will enjoy the fishing, boxing and golf demonstrations, while music lovers won't have a shortage of bands and musical groups to listen to. There will also be activities for the children, dancing, contests, games and more.

"It's fun for the whole family," said Robert Smith, chairperson of this year's festival.

The two-day festival has become a tradition for many Markham residents, as people from the near and far converge on the street.

It's not uncommon for people who grew up in town to return just for the festival, he said.

### NEW ACTIVITIES ARE SURE TO PLEASE

Both days are full of activity, including some old festival favourites and some new activities, sure to become festival staples.

Children are invited to colour one of eight flower pots designs.

After they're finished, they will be put on display in store windows.

Each artist receives a package of Crayola crayons to take home.

People can listen to a variety of music both on the street and at specific places in the village. People can watch the Kick Up a Fuss Cloggers on the North Stage, listen to tribute bands No Fences (Garth Brooks) and Shania (Shania Twain).

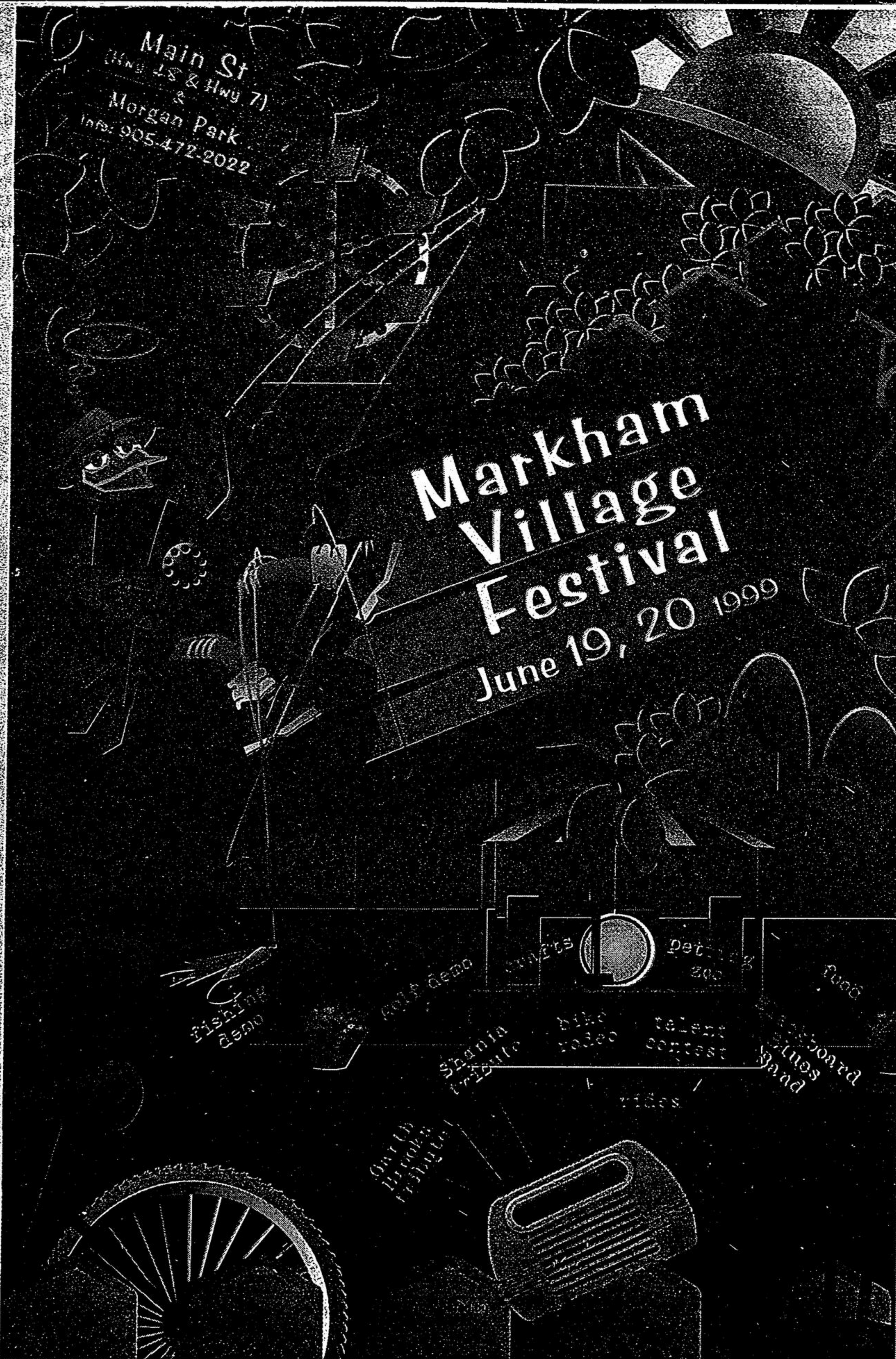
"We haven't had the tribute bands in a year or two. Garth Brooks is really good," said Judi McIntyre, who is responsible for the publicity for the festival.

Children can see Snow White, Cinderella and Belle and listen to *Time Enough*, a musical presentation at St. Andrew's United Church.

But that is not all that is happening.

The Optimist Club is organizing a bike rodeo and bike relay for people of all ages, while the BIA is sponsoring Colour the Street. Children are invited to colour one of eight flower pot designs. After they're finished, they will be put on display in store windows. Each artist receives a package of Crayola crayons to take home.

Morgan Park comes alive during the two-day festival. The area becomes a children's village with a petting zoo, a barbeque, mini putt, carnival rides and kiddie games as well as demonstrations by the Markham Aquatic Club and the Markham Synchro Club. There is also free swimming in



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