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Brenda Lobraico, chairperson of the pool fundraising committee, which is sponsoring boat safety certification course.

New boating laws rule the waves

Courses offered to boaters next month who need their pleasure craft operator's licence

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Boaters take note: Regulations rule the waves.

Since new federal regulations require boat operators to earn a good-for-life pleasure craft operator (PCO) card, a readiness course is being offered by the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville in the Imperial Centre at 37 Sandford Dr.

"You don't have to wait to open the cottage to get a PCO," said Brenda Lobraico of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Aquatic Funding Campaign.

Sponsored by the Get In The Swim fund-raising campaign, the one-day PCO course, designed to help boaters pass the test, is being offered June 13 and June 15 from 6 to 10 p.m. Cost of the course is \$60.

Set up on a 10-year phase-in system, the new boating regulations began last year. The new regulations are designed to advance awareness of safe boating practices and to reduce boating-related fatalities.

This summer, anyone born after March 31, 1983 will need the PCO card

to drive any powered boat. And, as of Sept. 15, the requirement will be extended to all operators of motorized boats less than four metres in length, including personal water craft.

By the year 2009, all recreational power boat operators must have proof of competency, regardless of age or size of boat.

In a 1998 survey conducted by the Lifesaving Society, Canadian boaters identified youth as having the greatest need for safe boating education.

Almost half of the estimated 2.6 million boats used recreationally in Canada are power boats.

More than half of the 200 people who die in boating-related accidents on Canadian waters every year are in powerboats, Micol Ongman, chairman of the Lifesaving Society's Boater Safety committee pointed out.

"Every time you go out on the water, there's a risk that you're in for more adventure than you expect," said Ongman. "The outcome may well depend on how prepared you are."

The Lifesaving Society certifies 200,000 Canadians annually in its life-saving, lifeguard and leadership courses.

Boaters everywhere are reminded that learning about your personal watercraft and its limits, knowing nautical rules on the water, and practising safe boating techniques, you will increase your chances of staying safe on the water and you'll enjoy your ride more.

For more information or to register for the BOAT course, call Brenda Lobraico at 642-2739.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC FORUM

BALLANTRAE/MUSSELMAN'S LAKE AND FRIENDS OF THE OAK RIDGES MORAINÉ LOCAL LANDSCAPES AND ISSUES OF DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, May 17th, 2000
@ 7:30 p.m.

BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY CENTRE

(on the north side of Aurora Side Road between Hwy. 48 & the Ninth Line)

Topics:

- The Big Picture: The Oak Ridges Moraine
- Putting it in perspective: Landscapes of Ballantrae/Musselman's Lake area
- Issues of development: Urban sprawl, water quality/quantity, roads, wildlife

Agenda:

- Displays and refreshments
- Guest Speakers
 - * Liberal Municipal Affairs Critic, Mike Colle, Author of Bill 12, Oak Ridges Moraine Protection Act
 - * Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Ralph Toninger, Habitat and Wildlife Specialist
 - * STORM Coalition, Teresa Johnston, Community Outreach Director
- Q & A and Discussion Period

For more information call Mark Hassan (905) 642-4762

Hosted by STORM (Save the Oak Ridges Moraine) Coalition

Money Concepts - Open House

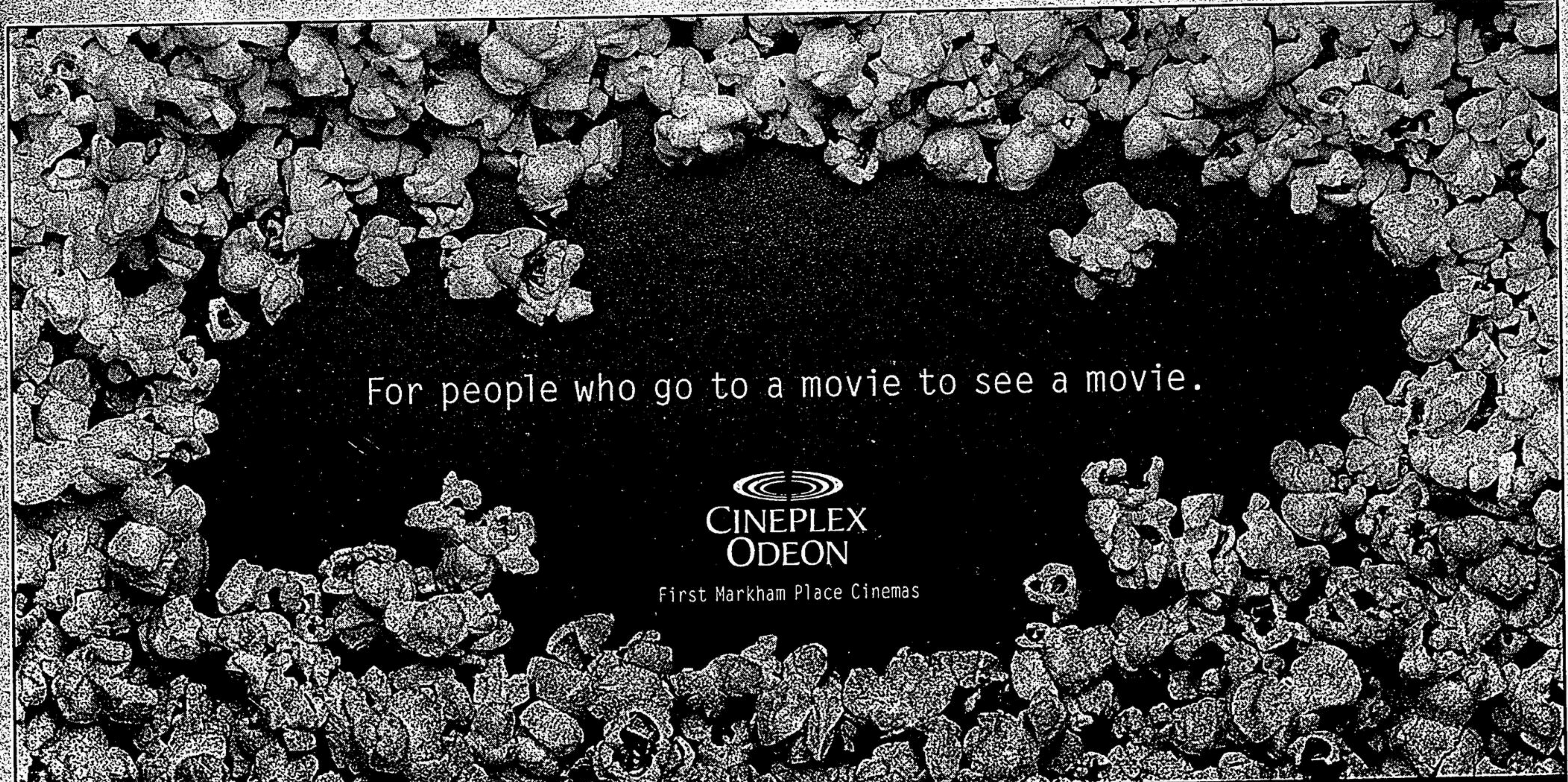
Announcement



(left to right, Emilio Ronco, Wayne Emmerson, Carol Clements, Tony Mauro, Signy Lawson, Jennifer Dewling, Rob Sylvester)

On Friday, April 28th, Money Concepts - Stouffville hosted an Open House in celebration of its new office. Many clients and other members of the community attended the event.

Since 1992, Money Concepts has been a part of Stouffville. Signy Lawson and Carol Clements, co-owners of the franchise, would like to thank their office team, the Town and the community for their support over the years, in helping to make their business a great success. Money Concepts is located at 6165 Main Street (southeast corner of Main and Albert Streets), telephone 642-4540. Carol and Signy encourage everyone to come and visit them at their new location.



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