

Single-parents group celebrates 25th with 'reunions' at anniversary ball

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Special

An organization that helps single parents marks a milestone this weekend.

The 25th anniversary of Markham's One Parent Families Association will be celebrated with a festive ball this month.

With approximately 170 people expected to attend the dance, Markham chapter president Jim Gubb thinks it will be one of the highlights of their year.

"These events are always fun," says Mr. Gubb. "There will be several past members returning for the anniversary dance. It's a great chance to renew old

friendships."

The Markham OPFA is a recognized charitable organization, established to provide support and social readjustment among single parents. The association holds a general meeting once a month with guest speakers and general discussions.

The group formed in 1977, four years after the OPFA was chartered federally.

"In the '70s, when we were first formed, there was more of a stigma against single-parent families," says Mr. Gubb.

Now the organization is undergoing some executive changes. Following elections

which took place earlier in the year, Mr. Gubb was declared the new chapter president.

Along with the upcoming dance, Mr. Gubb is preparing euchre tournaments, volleyball games and monthly dinner excursions.

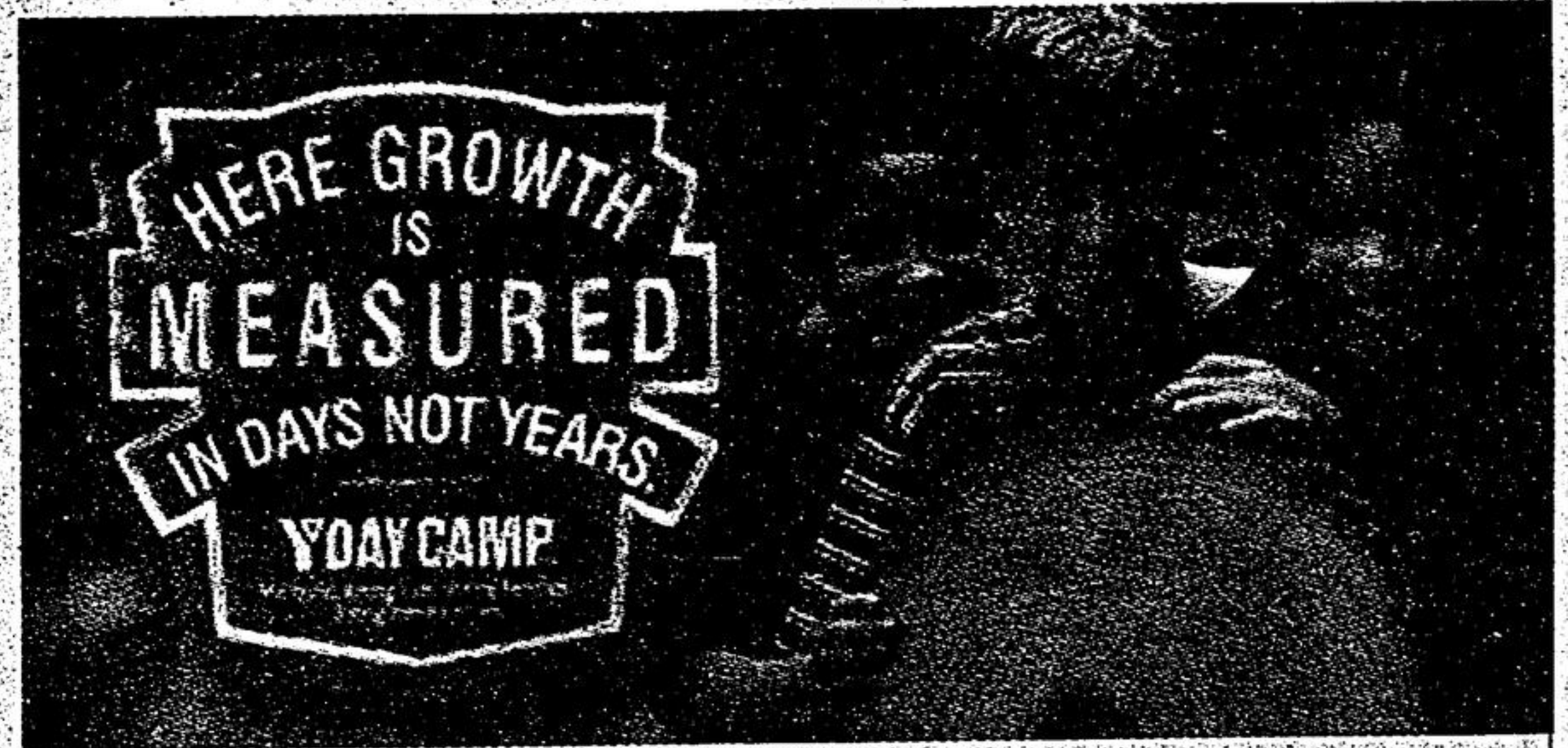
The silver anniversary ball will take place Saturday, April 27, from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Crosby Memorial Community Centre in Unionville and will feature music by Ozzie, door prizes and a 50/50 draw. Tickets are \$12.

"I will definitely be attending," says Mr. Gubb.



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York-Durham Sewage System Southeast Collector Class Environmental Assessment

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2

The Regional Municipality of York is completing a Class Environmental Assessment for the expansion of the York-Durham Sewage System (YDSS) Southeast Collector Trunk Sewer. The Southeast Collector is a critical component of the YDSS that conveys wastewater flows from York Region to the Duffin Water Pollution Control Plant. As part of the recent 2001 YDSS Master Plan Update, the Regional Municipality of York has confirmed the need and conceptual feasibility of increasing capacity along the Town of Markham and City of Toronto sections of the YDSS Southeast Collector (see map).

The proposed Southeast Collector capacity increase is necessary to meet near future YDSS York Region servicing needs as supported by the Regional Official Plan and its current population projections.

Conceptually, the Southeast Collector project involves either twinning (new trunk sewer) of the existing Collector Trunk Sewer alignment or establishing new trunk sewers on alternative alignments such as road or rail corridors. This project is being undertaken in accordance with the Schedule "B" requirements of the Municipal Engineers Association Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (June 2000). Phase 1 (Identify the Problem) of the Class EA planning process was confirmed through the recent completion of the November 2001 YDSS Master Plan Update.

Recognizing the importance of the Southeast Collector project and the sensitivities that need to be addressed, a number of consultation activities are planned as part of this Study. A public information center introducing the project was held on February 28th, 2002. A second public information centre will be held, as follows, to present the evaluation of alternatives, including the recommended Southeast Collector alignment, and solicit comments.

Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2002
Time: 3:00pm to 8:00pm
Location: Cedar Grove Community Centre
7667 14th Avenue, Markham

No formal presentation will be made, so you are welcome to drop in at any time during the hours indicated. Representatives from the Region and Earth Tech will be on hand to answer questions. Comments received at Public Information Centre #2 and during the course of study will be considered in the finalization of the preferred Southeast Collector alignment. Following its finalization, a Class Environmental Assessment Project File Report will be prepared, documenting the planning process followed and conclusions reached. The public will be notified of the opportunity to review the Project File Report at the appropriate time through a similar newspaper notice.

Please contact either of the following if you wish to be placed on the Southeast Collector mailing list, would like to obtain more information on the project or provide comments:

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