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Mission Green Community Meetings

Mission Green is expanding the week of July 4, 2005

Members of Markham Council invite you to a Community Information Meeting detailing Markham's new Mission Green Recycling Program. Unanimously supported by Markham Council, the new collection program is the key to Markham's plan to divert 70% of our waste from Michigan landfills.

Green Bins will be distributed to all Markham households, west of Highway 48, between June 13 and 24. Every Green Bin delivered will contain important program information and a new collection schedule.

Green Bin collection starts the week of July 4, 2005. The expanded Blue Box and Green Bin organic material will be collected weekly. What's left over - residue waste - will be collected every two weeks.

Learn more about your new collection program at the Mission Green Community Meetings. For more information call 905-415-7535.

Date	Councillor	Ward	Location	Time
June 15	Khalid Usman Alex Chiu	7 & 8	Milliken Mills Community Centre 7600 Kennedy Road	7:00 p.m.
June 16	George McKelvey	4	Seniors Activity Centre 22 Water Street	7:30 p.m.
June 20	Dan Horchik	6	Markham Civic Centre 101 Town Centre Boulevard	7:00 p.m.
June 22	Erin Shapero	2	Thornhill Community Centre 7755 Bayview Avenue	7:00 p.m.
June 23	Stan Daurio	1	Heintzman House Bay Thorn & Royal Orchard	7:00 p.m.
June 23	Joseph Virgilio	3	Markham Civic Centre 101 Town Centre Boulevard	7:00 p.m.
June 30	John Webster	5	St. Andrew's United Church 32 Main Street, Markham	7:00 p.m.

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Keep eye on sky for stormy weather

Seek shelter at first sign of lightning: climatologist

BY MARTIN DERBYSHIRE
Staff Writer

A migrant worker on a Keswick farm was struck by lightning Thursday afternoon and Environment Canada is warning York Region could see thousands more lightning bolts this weekend as a severe thunderstorm watch continues.

Pasquali Rogel, 32, was pulling weeds in a field on the Draper farm at Glenwoods Avenue west of Warden Avenue around 3:30 p.m. when he was struck.

It was not raining at the time.

The blast from the bolt blew a hole in the back of his pants and through his boots.

Three other workers in the area were driven back by the charge, but not seriously hurt.

Mr. Rogel passed out and lost feeling in his leg and arm, farm owner Ross Draper said.

He was conscious by the time an ambulance arrived to take him to hospital and appeared to have regained the feeling in his limbs Friday.

"I think he's going to be OK," Mr. Draper said.

Mr. Rogel had been in Keswick a week as a seasonal worker on the farm, Mr. Draper said.

He was the second person struck by lightning in the Greater Toronto Area in less than a week.

A 10-year-old Oakville boy was hit by lightning Wednesday on a baseball field outside his school and remains in serious condition at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

About 100 people are injured by lightning in Canada every year, Environment Canada senior climatologist David Phillips said.

Another six to 12 are killed.

However, numbers are actually down. But not

because there is any less lightning than in the past, Mr. Phillips said.

"It's because people are obeying the safety rules," he said.

There are no safe havens from lightning. It can and will enter your house or your car, but you're still more likely to get hit if you're out on a golf course or soccer pitch, Mr. Phillips said.

"The chances are you're not going to get hit by lightning, but what you want to do is reduce your odds of getting hit," he said. "If you see lightning, go for shelter. Stop what you're doing outdoors and seek shelter."

Environment Canada recommends the 30-30 rule.

That means if you see lightning, count the seconds until you hear thunder. Then divide that number by three and you'll be able to determine how far away the storm is.

If you count 30 seconds, it's 10 km away and it's time to go for shelter.

"And seek shelter means indoors or in a car, not under a tree," Mr. Phillips said. "A tree is a lightning rod and it's not the best place to be."

When you're inside, stay away from anything metal and stay off the phone because lightning can hit phone lines.

Once you hear the last of the thunder and see what you think is the storm's final lightning flash, wait 30 minutes before going back out, Mr. Phillips said.

The severe thunderstorm watch in effect in York Region this weekend means you should be on the lookout for the possibility of winds more than 90 km/h, hail two centimetres in diameter and heavy rain to the tune of 50 mm in less than an hour.

Plus, hundreds, if not thousands of lightning strikes.

"Keep your eye on the sky," Mr. Phillips said.

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Submit Your Photos for Markham Blooms Contest

Markham, ON ~ May 13, 2005 ~ The Markham Arts Council invites photographers of all ages to share their view of our Town by submitting photos for the Markham Blooms Photo Contest.

The photos have to be taken within the boundaries of Markham, including Thornhill, Unionville, Milliken and Markham, between January 1 and June 7, 2005. They should reflect one of three categories:

- Community Involvement; Heritage & Culture
- Floral; Landscaped Areas; Turf & Ground Cover
- Environmental Awareness; Urban/Forestry/Tree Management; Tidiness

Prizes, courtesy of Black's Photography and the Town of Markham, will be awarded in each category for both adult and youth (under 18) entries for first and second place. The winning photographs will go on display in a series of exhibits throughout Markham, including the Varley Art Gallery, Unionville, in July; Heintzman House, Thornhill, in August as part of the Doors Open Markham Event and the Markham Civic Centre, at Highway 7 and Warden Avenue.

"The contest offers photographers a wonderful opportunity to showcase their work," said Judi McIntyre of the Markham Arts Council. "It also encourages everyone to pick up a camera, snap a shot of something great around them and by doing so, discover their inner artist."

Entrants may submit a maximum of two 5" x 7" photographs, colour or black and white, for each category. All entrants must be the sole authors and owners of the copyright in all photos entered. Images can't be digitally altered and have to be labelled with pertinent information on the back.

The contest is open to amateurs and professionals, Markham residents and non-residents alike. All entries become the property of the Markham Arts Council/Communities in Bloom and may be used by these organizations in any advertising or promotional ventures without any permission or remuneration.

Markham is participating in Communities in Bloom (CIB) - a friendly competition among municipalities that recognizes community participation in landscape beautification, heritage and cultural preservation and environmental awareness.

For further information contact:
Judi McIntyre at 905-209-9911, or visit www.markhamartscouncil.com

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