

Controversial DVDs used to explain three-stream waste

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Other municipalities, including Markham, Vaughan and Barrie, used similar DVDs when their waste collection programs were implemented.

The new program is part of a six-municipality initiative, known as the Northern 6, in York Region. Whitchurch-Stouffville, Georgina and East Gwillimbury will start their new programs Sept. 10, while Newmarket, Aurora and King Township begin Sept. 17.

To help you find out more, keep an eye out for a new website to be launched later this spring, an information brochure and waste collection calendar to arrive in your mailbox in mid-summer, as well as magnets, posters and other promotional materials.

Rural landowners who have their own compost heaps can continue to use them, Mr. Whitehouse said, but will now have a place for organic items such as diapers, soiled papers and popcorn, sugar and flour bags, among others.

Your garbage will only be whisked away from your curb every second week instead of every week.

Along with this program, Mr. Whitehouse wants to emphasize the re-use part of the three Rs: reduce, re-use and recycle.

A new contractor, Turtle Island Recycling, replaces Miller Waste Services the week of Sept. 3. The new program starts later to avoid the first week children are back to school.

Once the new system kicks in, you'll notice other changes, too. Your garbage will only be whisked away from your curb every second week instead of every week.

Take your blue box to the front of your property every week instead of every other week once the new program begins. Other changes include the stepping-up of yard waste collection to every second week between April and December with no limit. That service will increase from the current monthly collection.

Christmas tree collection won't change. It'll happen once a year in January. Large articles can be put out on regular garbage collection days twice a month, instead of the current once monthly.

For industrial and commercial areas, garbage collection stays at once a week with a three-bag limit.

In the Stouffville Business Improvement Area, all garbage collection stays the same at two collections a week. Recycling will be

picked up from the downtown BIA area and industrial and commercial properties once a week.

Information meetings are planned throughout the municipality during August and September.

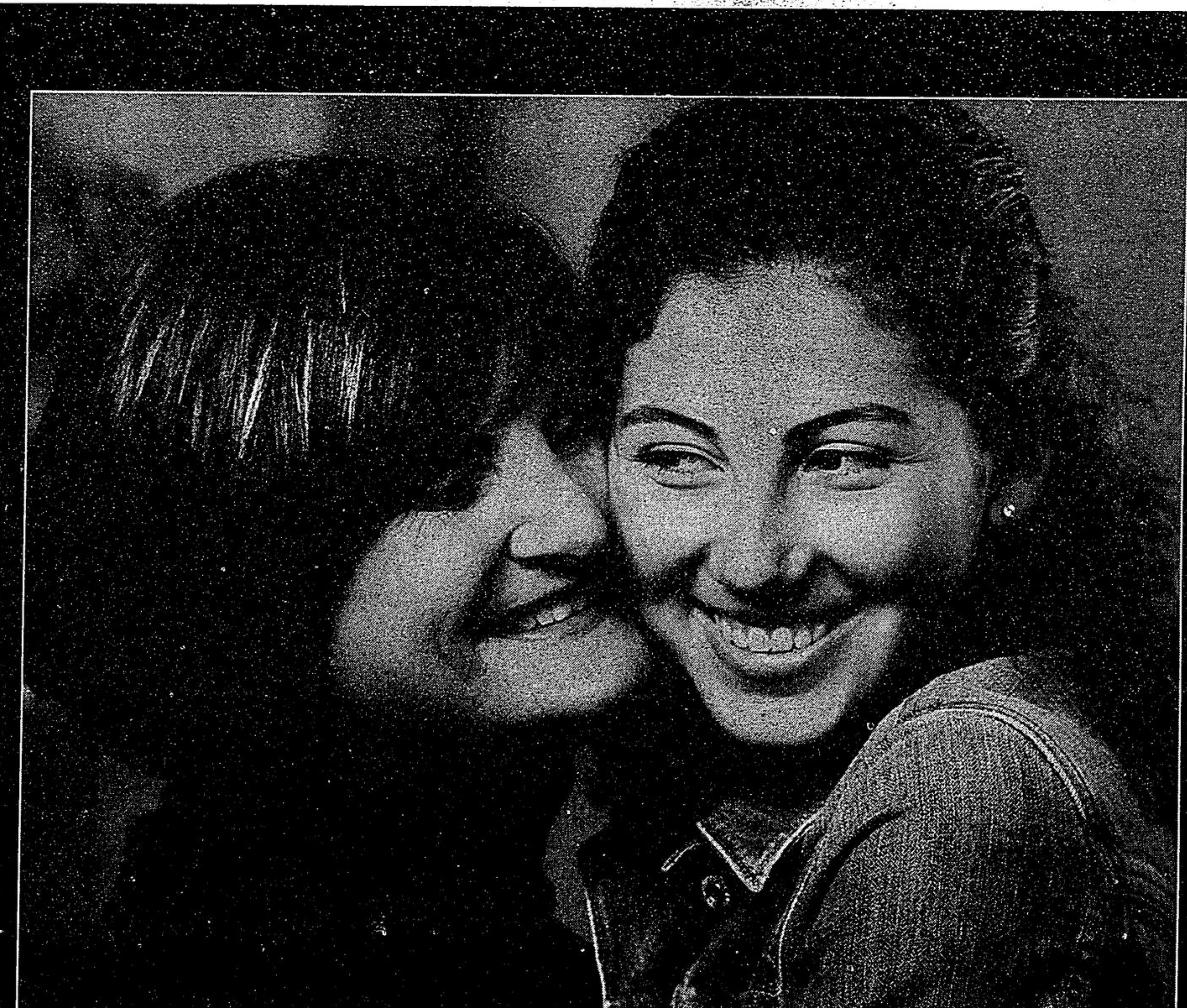
There will also be information at community events such as the Strawberry Festival and the BIA's Midnight Madness event.

Councillors Clyde Smith and Susanne Hilton will represent coun-

cil at educational and information events over the spring and summer.

Included in the 2007 budget is \$20,000 for public promotion and education for the new collection program.

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