

Markham Jazz Festival '06

In Markham Village August 18 - 20



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The Cards are dealt!
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Above: Photo entry "Leo" by Thanushan Rangunathan



Above: 'Our Town' group of volunteer videographers assemble on the stairs in the Great Hall at the Markham Civic Centre

Filming Markham for 'Our Town' TV

In the month of July, 23 Markham volunteers ventured out with their video cameras and filmed their town for WNED-TV Buffalo/Toronto's Our Town television series. Each one-hour Our Town episode features a community in the viewing area through the eyes of its residents--those who love their community, know its stories and are excited to share their enthusiasm. On July 7 & 8, WNED collected the footage and interviewed each volunteer about what and why they filmed what they did. The footage and interviews are then edited into a one-hour feature. Other towns that have been featured are Oakville, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ellicottville and Jamestown. Our Town will air on WNED TV in September 2006. Stayed tuned for exact dates and don't miss this program to see your town featured including various stories about Markham Village.



A Celebration
Canada Day
Markham
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Markham Village Participates in the Markham Jazz Festival



The Markham Jazz Festival will once again bring music to Markham on August 18

through 20. There will be jazz and other kinds of music at several outdoor venues and in pubs and restaurants throughout Markham.

The Markham Village BIA and Rouge Valley Retirement Residence are presenting events in Markham Village. The Markham Farmers' Market is host to all-day Jazz at the extended Market (Main St. and Robinson) on Saturday, Aug. 19th until 4:00 pm. The Farmers Market features soulful jazz singer Valerie Shearman in the morning and the Brian Rose Little Big Band in the afternoon. There will be a free jazz

concert on Sunday, Aug. 20 from 2:00 until 3:00 at the Rouge Valley Retirement Residence (16th Ave. just west of Main St.) featuring wonderful singer Solveig Barber.

The Jazz Festival committee has organized a Student Jazz Workshop featuring Chase Sanborn. This workshop is open to students and will be held on Sat. morning, Aug. 19 from 10:00am until 12:00 at the the Varley Art Gallery in Unionville. There is a \$10.00 registration fee. Students wanting more information, or to register can email the coordinator at: yellowhouse6@sympatico.ca.

The Markham Jazz Festival is hosting a fundraising Concert/Reception at the Varley Art Gallery on Friday night, featuring Bob Dorough. Bob Dorough is know for his appearances with Miles Davis, Louis Armstrong, Count Basie and others and has the reputation as one of the top song and lyric writers in jazz. (www.bob-dorough.com)

This exclusive event has a limited number of tickets available. For more information see the website at: www.markhamjazzfestival.com.



Brian Rose Little Big Band

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Markham Jazz Festival

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Other events include music all weekend at the Unionville Bandstand and Varley Art Gallery Patio in Unionville. The Unionville BIA Concerts series will feature jazz musicians in the evenings at the bandstand, as well as the Unionville Jazz Street Party on Saturday night.

Artists to be featured include: Cimarron,

Janelle Monique, Toronto Mass Choir, Nimmons N' Nine Now, Club Django, June Garber, Not



Affiliated Big Band, Markham Gang, Rob Christian, Project Phoenix, plus many, many more. Check out the Markham Jazz Festival Website for more information. www.markhamjazzfestival.com

Above right: Valerie Shearman; Left: Solveig Barber



The Markham Village Voice

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2006

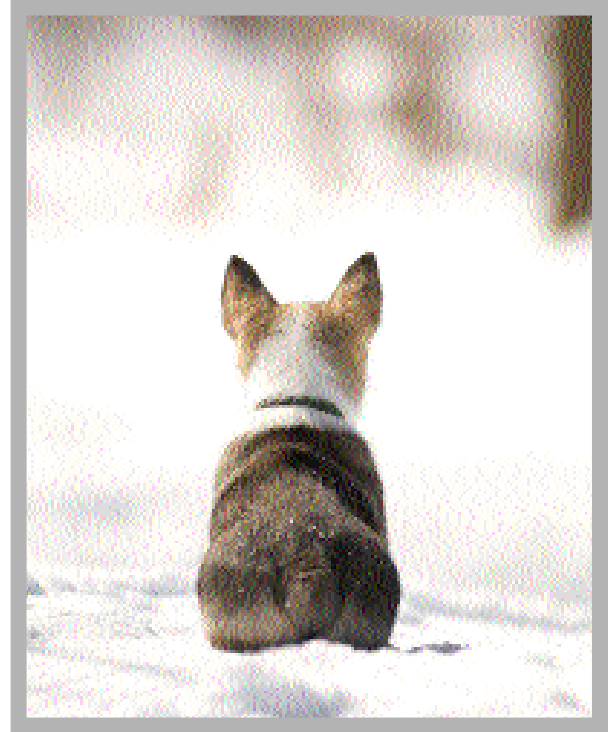
Second Prize "Timmy"

Collie (below)
Photographer: Mrs. Surjani Lasmana Markham



First Prize

(at right)
"Teddy"
a medium size Swedish Vallhund
Photographer: Paul Reid, Markham



Third Prize "Saskee"

Havanese (below right)
Photographer: Gail Folk Markham



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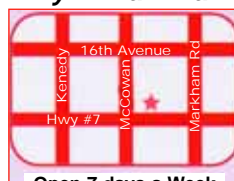
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Celebration... Old Curiosity Tea Shop - Ascot Day

On Saturday June 24, **The Old**

Curiosity Tea Shop celebrated its own **Ascot day** here in the heart of Markham Village. The celebration involved a special Ascot luncheon and horse and buggy ride around town. The weather was perfect for ladies dressing up in their finest hats and outfits. An event enjoyed by all!

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Kerry Ransom (left):

This is Kerry's third summer as the BIA's Event Assistant. In August she will begin a 13 month internship at NCR in Waterloo before returning for her last year at McMaster University. She is happy to be back and is looking forward to seeing familiar faces. Kerry is also excited to start working on this year's Olden Days and Antique Cars Festival.

Stephanie Heathcote (centre):

This is Stephanie's first summer working at the Markham Villiage BIA, and she is excited to be a part of this organization. Stephanie is going into 4th year at the University Of Ontario Institute Of Technology. She is currently studying Business with a specialization in Marketing and is looking forward to getting to know all the friendly faces of Main Street Markham.

Matthew Colphon (right):

Matthew is starting his first summer with the BIA after having volunteered on numerous occasions in the past year. A graduate of Markham District High School, Matt will be going to the University of Waterloo in September to study science and business.



Anniversaries...

Montsoreau Antique Gallery
Celebrating their first Anniversary on Main Street (Below)



Cornercopia - Celebrating their 16th Anniversary on Main Street (Below)



Mug & Truffle Chocolate Café

Celebrating their first Anniversary on Main Street. (Right)



Markham Village Voice

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"Dream Walking" Beats "Sleep Walking" Every Time



Alan (aged 14 with Cerebral Palsy) wished for a bedroom that resembled a Maple Leaf's Dressing Room.

Most Markham residents could be excused for confusing sleep walking with "Dream Walking". One is a nuisance; the other is a popular annual fundraiser that brightens the lives of over 8,000 seriously ill children and their families through innovative programs created by the Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation - in-hospital programs such as Starlight Sites, Fun Centers, Hospital Happenings and Hospital Pals and outpatient services such as Wishes, Starbright World, the Explorer Series and the Great Escapes Program.

This is the first National Dream Walk fundraiser being held at TooGood Pond in Unionville on Sunday, August 27th at 10:00 am.

"Starlight Starbright strongly believes that every child should be free to wish and dream," says Executive Director, Laura Mountjoy.

Starlight Starbright granted Alan (aged 14 with Cerebral Palsy) his wish for a bedroom that resembled a Maple Leaf's Dressing Room. His mother writes... "I just wanted to say thank-you again for all that you have done. What a

morale booster for all of us."

When Ambria (aged 4 with Leukemia) was granted her wish to visit Disney, her family wrote... "It's not something we would have ever done had it not been for you. What a fantastic memory it is going to be for my daughter!"

This year's Dream Walk participants can expect to enjoy carnival games, a clown, magic show, BBQ lunch, great prizes and so much more.

Go to: www.starlightcanada.org/dreamwalk.htm for more



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information for your Dream Walk on Sunday August 27th, 2006 at TooGood Pond, Unionville.

Markham Calendar of Events

July 2006

15-16 Markham Museum - Art in the Park

21 Museum Market Place (Every Friday until Sept 1) 905-294-4576

23-25 Communities in Bloom judging

25 Fall Recreation Guide delivery

29-30 Family Camp In - Markham Museum 905-294-4576

31 Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation Golf Tournament

August 2006

7 Civic Holiday

7 Varley Gallery - Civic Holiday Art Activities

7 Markham Museum - Open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

7 No waste, recycling or green bin collection today. Consult your collection schedule.

12 Markham Museum - Annual Rotary Car Show

15 Fall Recreation Program Registration begins 6:30 a.m.

19-20 Markham Jazz Festival

22 Aquatic Registration Begins

26 Varley Gallery - Kids Summer Activities

26-27 Doors Open Markham & Varley Gallery - Plein Air Art Event & Sale

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Voices of the Arts...

Youth in the Arts: A Profile of Laura Tathem

This is the third in a series that profiles "Youth in the Arts". We continue to bring our readers a sample of the many gifted and hard working youth in Markham who participate in the arts.

Laura Tathem

Laura Tathem, a grade nine student at Markham District High School, has just been granted a once in a lifetime opportunity. After a successful audition, Laura was chosen to represent Canada as a Tap Soloist in Riesa, Germany for the International World Dance Competition.

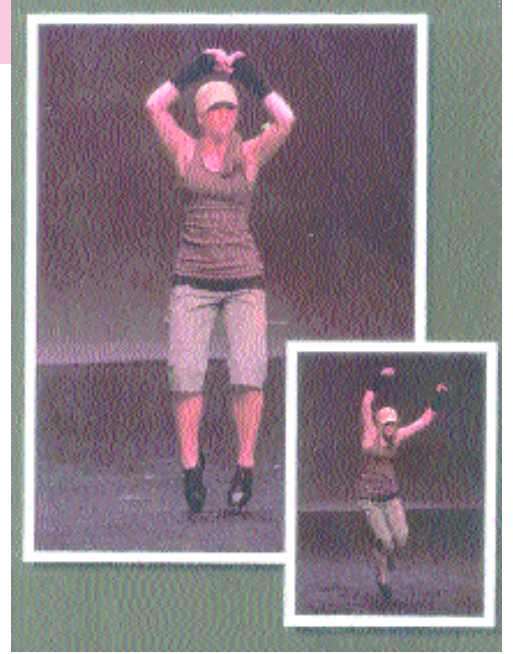
She will join 24 other dancers to make up the Canadian National Dance Team, last years' World Champion. The team will return to Germany to compete against 30 other countries in late autumn this year.

Laura is as a dancer on the competitive team at Kicks Dance Studio. Through 11 years of dedication as a dancer Laura has won over 200 awards. Sharing her incredible ability and passion for dance, Laura volunteered 120 hours this year teaching younger students at Kicks. She also used her talent to benefit the com-

munity as a dancer at the Steven Louis Foundation in the spring of 2006.

Laura is working diligently to raise enough funds to travel to Germany to compete. In addition to seeking out sponsors and working full time in the summer, she is auditioning for the York Region Talent Search in hopes of winning a bursary.

If you are interested in sponsoring Laura, please contact her at: 905-294-7501.



A Corner of Our History...

James Robinson Public School Celebrates 50 years



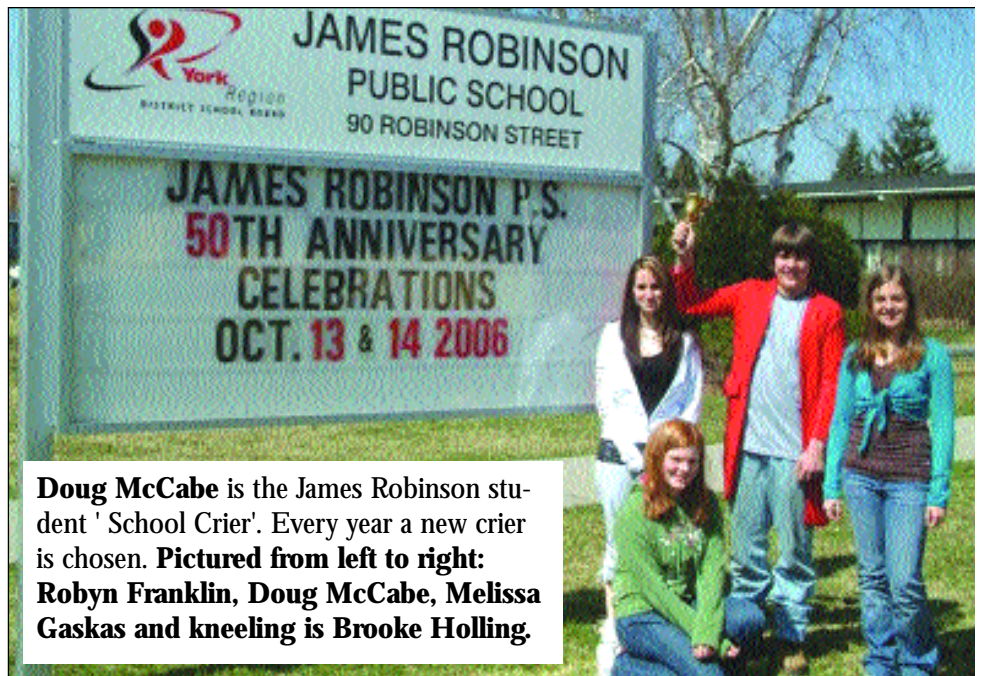
by Melissa Gaskas and Brooke Holling

In September of 1956, James Robinson Public School officially opened its doors and housed the first class of kindergartens in the Village of Markham. Young students were bussed from the whole village to this very first kindergarten. Some of these very people along with alumni staff and students will be attending the 50th anniversary on October 13th - 14th 2006. Many students will have memories involving friends and teachers from school from kindergarten to 8. That's nine years of building character and learning to be honest, responsible and respectful citizens. We will see the rewards of these qualities each day in our successful futures.

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Doug McCabe is the James Robinson student 'School Crier'. Every year a new crier is chosen. **Pictured from left to right: Robyn Franklin, Doug McCabe, Melissa Gaskas and kneeling is Brooke Holling.**

2006 Markham Communities in Bloom
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 Sunday, July 23 - Tuesday, July 25

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The Judges are Coming!



by Catherine Harrison

Markham's chance to show Canada our community pride comes this month. Mark July 23-25 on your calendar, be sure your yard and your neighbourhood is tidy and prepare to come out and celebrate our community.

National Communities in Bloom judges Ken O'Brian and Ed Lawrence arrive in Markham on Sunday, July 23 to assess our entire community: the contributions of residents, government and business--on beautification activities (including floral displays and landscaping), environmental initiatives, tidiness, heritage conservation and community involvement.

They will spend two days touring Markham. Monday will involve visits to Thornhill, Milliken and Unionville and on Tuesday, they will tour Cornell and Markham Village. You're invited to get involved and meet the judges at a number of community events. On Sunday July 23, join us for an evening at the Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery (Kennedy Road north of 16th Avenue) with town historian Lorne Smith. On Monday July 24, seniors are invited to lunch at historic Heintzman House in Thornhill and all are welcome to meet the judges on Main Street Unionville that evening for a celebration that will culminate outside the Varley Art Gallery.

Coming from Newfoundland, Mr. O'Brian is travelling from a distance to see our town. Mr. O'Brian earned his Masters of Urban and Regional planning in Kingston and currently works as an urban planner with the city of St. John's. He talks about his commitment to the values of Communities in Bloom, which operates under the United Kingdom moniker in Newfoundland and Labrador: "I was attracted to Tidy Towns



Village Voice publisher, Michelle Sukul-Chan, gets into the Communities in Bloom spirit, at a planting, along with daughters Hayley and Taylor Chan, and puppy Sully.

Newfoundland and Labrador because the program stimulates community pride."

For the last 23 years, Mr. Lawrence has been the highly popular and award-winning gardening expert on CBC radio's Monday noon phone-in and has written gardening

columns for The Globe and Mail's GTA edition. Mr. Lawrence, who is traveling from Smith Falls, recently retired from his position as horticultural specialist at the National Capital Commission.

The member of Markham's Communities in Bloom steering committee looks forward to sharing with our judges the depth and breadth of what Markham is: a vibrant, multicultural, high-growth community that promotes environmental responsibility and stewardship while remembering its roots.

Main Street Markham Committee

Update on North Markham Road

By: Elizabeth Plashkes
Main Street Markham Committee

It's been a year since Markham Council endorsed an exciting new vision for the area of Markham Road north of 16th Avenue. This year, things are really starting to happen in the area. Several applications for very large redevelopment proposals are under consideration. These include a new No Frills store on Markham Road, north of the McDonald's restaurant; a mixed-use commercial development on the west side, adjacent to the Markham Museum; a self-operated car wash and a car lubrication operation across from the Mount Joy GO Station; and further north, a Brick furniture store is under consideration.

So how are we doing with respect to implementing those lovely guidelines we worked on last year? The new No Frills store is a serious disappointment, due to the pre-existing zoning allowing the applicant to be excused in large part from compliance with the design guidelines. The very large, very white store and its very large parking lot are not at all sympathetic to

the Main Street or the museum across the road.

A good level of co-operation with the guidelines is found in the application for the commercial development just north of the Museum. The proposed buildings are pulled close to the roadway, with primary entrances available from the sidewalks. This application successfully incorporates the designated Raymer-Wambolt house, allowing it to remain in its original place near the road.

North of Bur Oak, the consideration for people-friendly design and human scale is paramount in the guidelines. Bur Oak Avenue is envisioned as a pedestrian friendly, mixed use urban environment where buildings are set close to the road and range from two to eight storeys, providing commercial, retail and residential opportunities. The application in

this area for a coin-op car wash and quick lube shop (an industrial, single storey use) is not considerate of the guidelines. The corner of Bur Oak Avenue and Anderson is a prime intersection of the new urban area, located directly across the street from the commuter train station. A more forward-looking use of the site is encouraged.

Finally, the Brick store is showing promising signs of respectful design. Located at the corner of Castlemore Avenue East and Markham Road, the building is set close to the street, creating a two storey street wall that is embellished with architectural detailing, including a primary entrance and display windows.

So it's a mixed review - we must all keep a watchful eye on this area to provide thoughtful input to the design process.

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Cake cutting at Truck Ban Celebration



A group of community members gather for the cutting of a dump truck cake at a celebration on June 3rd for Main Street Markham's long awaited heavy Truck Ban. The Town of Markham Council put the heavy truck ban into place on June 1, 2006 for Main Street Markham just north of the 407 to 16th Ave, shortly after the transfer of jurisdiction of this portion from the Province to the Municipality.

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Markham's Town Crier and Mrs. Crier travel through the Canada Day Parade to Milne Park on a Vespa (from Vespa Markham) to participate in more celebrations!



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The Flavours of Main Street Markham

By Stephanie Heathcote

With a diverse assortment of dining establishments, Main Street Markham in the heart of Markham Village, showcases a range of restaurants that reflects Markham's growing multicultural environment. Main Street Markham is a real working Village with over 160 shops and services. Included in this variety of experiences is an assortment of unique and flavourful venues that captures the essence of Markham's character.

Located at 39 Main St. N., **Al Dente** offers fine Italian cuisine with an inviting atmosphere that creates a truly memorable dining experience. Voted the Best Italian Restaurant 2006 by Patron's Picks and featuring 3 different rooms to accommodate any private function, Al Dente will cater your every need.

A pub with traditional pub fare as well as newer dining favourites, **The Duchess of Markham**, located at 53 Main Street N., caters to both lunch and dinner crowds

and features regular live entertainment. It also has a large outdoor patio, perfect for an after work drink.

Craving that home made Italian food experience? Then visit **Folco's Ristorante** at 42 Main Street N. With a relaxing atmosphere, great wine selection, and delicious homemade pasta & Italian fare freshly made on site, Folco's is the place to go for an enjoyable and tasty evening.



The Duchess of Markham

Located at 144 Main Street and one of the newest restaurant additions on Main Street, **House of Phoebe** is a Chinese Szechuan restaurant with an extensive authentic Chinese menu.

Located at 76 Main Street, with it's contemporary atmosphere and a menu that features fare, with Italian flare, **Lemon Bistro** is quickly becoming a popular place to dine for a special occasion or just to enjoy a great meal!

For breakfast, lunch and dinner, visit the **Main St. Grill** A family restaurant that specializes in burgers, fish and chips and much, much more. Open for breakfast every day of the week! 66 Main Street N.

Mr. Hungarian Restaurant is located at 144 Main Street N and is home to genuine Hungarian creations. Goulash, cabbage rolls and a variety of paprikash dishes are just some of the items on the menu. Open for lunch and dinner, this restaurant features casual family dining and caters to all events.

The Old Curiosity Tea Shop is in the style of a turn-of-the-century, Victorian tea shop with wait staff in period costume located at 91 Main Street North. It's a place where you can come for a quiet, relaxing, enjoyable time and savour the ambiance of Victorian comfort and service. They have a wide variety of loose leaf teas, dainty sandwiches, traditional hot meals, fancy desserts and more.

Tsukiji Sushi Village is an authentic sushi restaurant with a tranquil atmosphere and is located conveniently at 60 Main Street N. The food is very reasonably priced and the extensive Japanese cuisine menu has a little something for everyone, even the faint at heart.

Uncle Joe's Family Restaurant, located at 124 Main Street, is the place where families flock for the diner style menu and pleasant atmosphere. A great place for a good home cooked meal at very affordable prices. All-day breakfast served daily.

Look for "Coffee Shops & Quick Bites in Markham Village" and "Shopping on Main Street" in upcoming issues.



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