

Markham, 2003-02-03

To: Residents who will help form an expanded Thornhill seniors club

Please join me, the Mayor, and Regional Councillor Bill O'Donnell, for a progress report on the soon-to-be-constructed Thornhill Seniors Centre. The steering committee for the Thornhill Community Centre expansion, comprising Councillors and Town staff, selected the option we chose at our first meeting; the new Seniors Centre is to be located in an addition at the south end of the Thornhill Community Centre. Further details of this decision will be presented.

Thornhill Community Centre
Fireside Lounge or south community hall
11:00am Thursday February 13

Irene Clatworthy, 'temporary' President of the long-established Golden 50's Club is ready to expand the Club from 108 to 750 members. Town policy requires this number, and an annual fee of \$20 per member, to qualify as an official seniors Club. An official seniors Club is granted responsibility for the lounge, meeting rooms, and other facilities within the Centre. Activities are programmed by the Club – with assistance of Town staff. Club membership comprises those aged 55 and older.

100 have called in to date, and offered to have their names added as potential members; but it is a long way from the 750 we need before the Centre opens. The second purpose of this meeting is to choose a steering committee, which will undertake the following:

Choose a name for the Club (Golden 50's?)
Prepare or revise a constitution
Develop a plan to grow our numbers to 750 by opening day
Consider initiating programs before opening day
Carry out a membership drive; fees will be collected from those who join the new Club
Plan opening day festivities

You can help by signing up your family, and a friend or neighbour, by e-mail, telephone, or mail to the addresses displayed in this letter. Tell us your interests, and whether you are willing to help organize one or more activities.

Our long-awaited Seniors Centre: nearing reality.