

Volunteers wanted to help on Check Your Watershed Day

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) and Trout Unlimited invite the public to get their feet wet and learn more about the Credit River watershed. Volunteers are needed to monitor local streams as part of Check Your Watershed Day on Saturday, July 20.

Check Your Watershed Day is an annual event held in Ontario since 2006. The event is an opportunity for students and people interested in the environment to gain hands-on experience and participate in important research. Volunteers collect temperature data from small streams at road crossings and photograph each culvert. The information collected builds a better understanding of the watershed and helps CVC plan stewardship activities to manage it.

"Streams are the lifeblood of our countryside," said Mike Puddister, CVC Director of Restoration and Stewardship. "Monitoring their health is vital to the work we do to protect and enhance the environment. It's also an opportunity to

view nature from a different perspective."

Volunteers should meet at Terra Cotta Conservation Area at noon to receive training and pick up equipment. Volunteers will be organized into Stream Teams of two to four people to collect data and must have good mobility. Participants will be asked to wear rubber boots or hip waders. Some access points to stream monitoring sites may be steep or unstable. Stream Teams will go to assigned sites in Orangeville, Caledon, Erin and Halton Hills. The event wraps up around 4 p.m.

Participants must be 18 or older, unless accompanied by a parent. Each volunteer group will require a car to access their assigned sites, a digital camera, a cell phone and the ability to forward photos to CVC. GPS units are helpful. Please register online at <http://www.creditvalleyca.ca/event/check-your-watershed-day-2/> before July 17. Space is limited. Info: Lindsey Jennings at ljennings@creditvalleyca.ca or 905-670-1615 ext. 445.

Become buzzed about pollinators

Pollinators, like bees, butterflies, some birds and others, are an essential part of a healthy ecosystem. Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) invites local landowners to learn more about the importance of pollinators and the environmental threats they face at a free workshop on Saturday July 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Terra Cotta Conservation Area's Watershed Learning Centre, 14452 Winston Churchill Blvd., Halton Hills.

"The worrying truth is that pollinator species are declining," said Mike Puddister, CVC Director of Restoration and Stewardship. "This can have lasting impacts to ecosystem health and local agriculture. We can tackle the problem if we work coopera-



tively."

Participants will learn about the current status of some key pollinators and how to create pollinator-friendly areas in their gardens or on their farms to provide a food source for native bees. Information will also be available on constructing bee nests and limiting the use of insecticides that can cause wide-spread damage to pollinator populations. Insecticides are intended to kill unwanted insects but they often kill beneficial insects like bees.

Space at the workshop is limited. Those interested are asked to register by Monday July 15 at www.creditvalleyca.ca/events or by phone at 1-800-668-5557 ext 430.



Mayor Rick Bonnette presented Ontario Volunteer Service Awards to Georgetown Seniors Centre members (from left), Marinus (Rein) Pater, Rick Chambers, Florence Riehl, Iris Harrison and Tony Fariello.
Photo by Cynthia Gamble

LaVita Bakery now preparing lunch at the Georgetown Seniors Centre

By FLORENCE RIEHL
Georgetown Seniors Centre

What good smells are coming from the Centre Café as LaVita Bakery prepares lunch every day for July and August. Menu varies. Cost is \$6. Served on a "first come" basis. Join your friends over lunch.

The next "Toonie" movie will be on July 12. Movie afternoon still features a pizza slice for \$2.50. Fantastic way to while away a summer Friday afternoon.

Keep your eye on the white board beside Reception for upcoming movie dates and any other activities.

If you have been to the Centre lately you will notice the number of designated parking spots at our entrance has increased. Also the remaining parking spots have been repainted. You can't miss those bright yellow lines.

The final count for the St. Jacob's trip on August 15 is to be recorded on

August 12. You still have time to sign up to join us for a trip to the famous Farmer's Market, a lunch stop at Anna May's Restaurant and a guided tour of the Mennonite way of life. Cost is \$58.

On September 17 we are travelling to Niagara-on-The-Lake to lunch at Queen's Landing and then on to a production of Oscar Wilde's "Lady Windemere's Fan" at the Shaw Festival Theatre. It has been receiving great reviews! Be ready for jealousy, intrigue, twists, turns and massive doses of wit. You really don't want to miss this production. Final sign up date is August 2.

On October 23 we are going back to the 1950's to see "I Love Lucy" on stage at the Royal Alex with lunch at the Hot House Café. Laugh! Laugh! Laugh! This is a new addition to our flyer.

Keep in mind these trips are open to all Seniors (55+). For further information please call me at 905-873-1210.

Enjoy your summer. Keep safe!

Theatre in the Park this Sunday at Terra Cotta CA

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) invites you to Theatre in the Park.

Bring the family and a blanket to enjoy "Stellaluna" performed by To Be

Determined Theatre Co. at Terra Cotta Conservation Area, July 14 & 21, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. For more details go to www.theifp.ca/whats-on



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