EARTH HOUR

The Town of Halton Hills will once our community towards a more susagain join other communities in Canada and around the world in participating in Earth Hour by turning off unnecessary lights, reducing energy use and taking action to help address climate change.

The objective of Earth Hour is to bring awareness to global warming and environmental protection. Earth Hour is not just about turning the lights off for an hour. Rather, it is a high-profile

opportunity to provear-round mote conservation and other actions to benefit the planet throughout the year.

Earth Hour 2013 will be celebrated on Saturday, March 23, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Earth Hour participation is voluntary, fun and informa-

Over the past five years, as a result of participation by local businesses, residents, Town staff and schools, the Town has saved enough electricity to power a total of about 17,200 homes for one hour.

"Building on our many successes over the past five years, the Town will join other communities around the world in recognizing the need to take local action against climate change," said Mayor Rick Bonnette. "Once again, I encourage our residents, businesses and community organizations to help make Earth Hour a success. Your participation will help implement the Town's Green Plan and continue to

tainable future with an even higher quality of life."

This year, in support of Earth Hour, the Town will:

• Host a free family star-gazing event in partnership with Gardiner Public School and Halton Hills Hydro. Cosmic Connections will present a fun, energetic, interactive and informative astronomy presentation! In the past, this event was very popular with the

community, so preregistration is required due to limited

• Conserve energy by turning off all non-essential lights at all Town facilities during Earth Hour, without jeopardizing public safety and security, and interrupting regular service.

• Watch for Town staff as they visit your business to explore Earth Hour participation oppor-

• Engage local school students to encourage them to sign posters to show their commitment to climate change by turning off unnecessary lights during Earth Hour.

For more information and to register for the star-gazing community event, please contact Jennifer Spence (Office of Sustainability) in the Planning, Development & Sustainability Department, 905-873-2601 ext. 2290 or jennifers@haltonhills.ca.

For more information on Earth Hour visit: www.haltonhills.ca/sustainability and www.earthhour.org.

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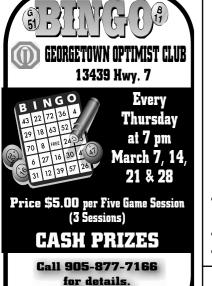
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