



TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

SAVE THE DATES FOR EARTH WEEK CELEBRATION 2013

Community Clean-Up Day Saturday April 20, 2013

Everyone can participate, including individuals, families, services clubs, youth groups, community groups and churches. Please pick up litter in ravines, parks and roadsides. Find a group on-line or form your own. Free gloves and bags will be available at the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre or from any Halton Hills McDonald's Restaurant.

22-Minute Makeover Monday April 22, 2013

Businesses, institutions and schools – please send your employees and students outside for a quick 22-Minute Makeover around your place of business.

Earth Day Celebration Saturday, April 27, 2013

Visit the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre to pick up free compost and wood chips, (please bring your own shovel) purchase trees for a nominal cost of \$5, and drop off Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Electronic Waste (EW).

To register for the 22-Minute Makeover, Clean-Up activities or for more information contact:

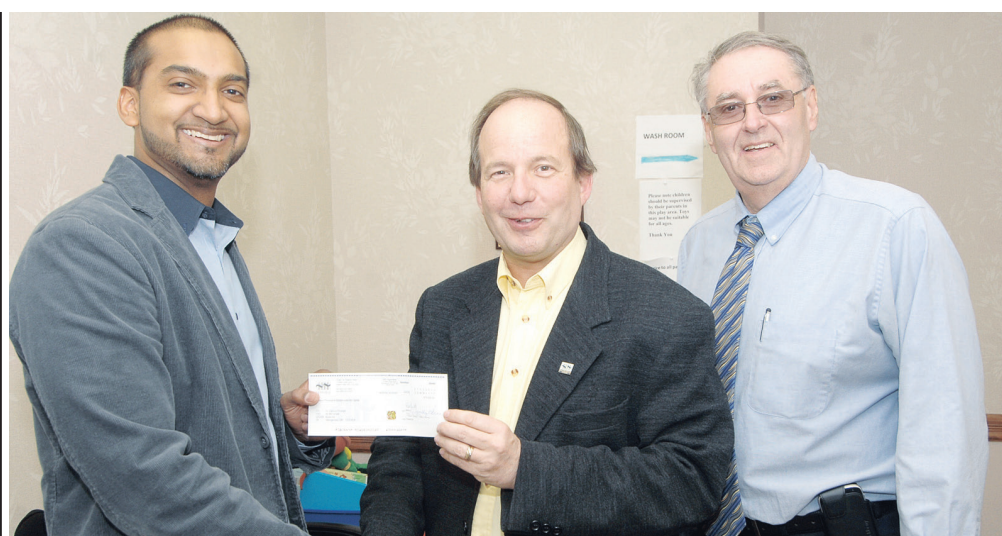
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Public Works Division
Robert C. Austin Operations Centre
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Halton Hills ON
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www.haltonhills.ca/earthday

Earth Day and Sustainability Fair & Green Leadership Tours Saturday, April 27, 2013

Visit the Georgetown Market Place for fun and interactive children's activities and advice on enhancing our land, water and wildlife, hosted by Credit Valley Conservation and Conservation Halton. Stop by the live birds show, presented by Mountsberg 'Birds of Prey'!

Environmental and sustainability groups will attend the Fair to showcase their work. Stop by the Union Gas booth for your FREE energy savings kit! Visit the Halton Hills Hydro booth to learn how you can conserve energy. Browse several green facilities showcasing innovative green building technologies, including the Devereaux House, Halton Hills Library (in Acton & Georgetown) and Wastewise. Spend time outside at the Willow Park Ecology Centre in Norval.

For further information contact:
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Dr. Muhammad Fairoze Poonah (left) recently accepted a cheque from Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette and Business Development Officer Doug Penrice as part of the Physician's Assistance Program, in which a new doctor setting up a practice in Halton Hills is eligible for a \$5,000 grant and \$10,000 interest-free loan. Dr. Poonah is accepting new patients, and his Georgetown office is located at 83 Mill Street, Suite 202. *Photo by Ted Brown*

Halton Hills lands new doctor

Mayor Rick Bonnette officially welcomed Dr. Muhammad Fairoze Poonah to Halton Hills on Thursday, by providing financial assistance in starting his new family practice.

The program provides a \$5,000 grant and a \$10,000 interest-free loan while the physician commits to establishing a family practice for a minimum of five years in the community.

Dr. Poonah, who was raised in Mississauga, has set up his office at 83 Mill Street (Suite 202) in Georgetown and is currently accepting new patients.

"I look forward to establishing my medical career in Halton Hills; I have received a warm welcome since arriving," he said.

"The quality of life we enjoy in Halton Hills is dependent on residents having access to health care in our community; family doctors play a key role in delivering these services and the program has been successful in attracting new doctors" said Bonnette.

The Physician Recruitment Program has helped to attract four new family doctors to Halton Hills in the last four years.

According to an update presented Wednesday to Halton Regional Council,

22 new family physicians established their practice in Halton in 2012. Overall, Halton Region's Physician Recruitment program has helped bring 182 new family doctors to Halton since 2003.

Halton's physician retention rate is 74 per cent, representing 134 full-time permanent physicians, taking into account retirements, relocations and physicians who took over family practices since 2003.

In addition to the Physician Recruitment Program the Town has made a \$2.6 million investment in the expansion of the Georgetown Hospital which adds to increased services for residents.

Additionally, the program provides ongoing support, together with the Town of Halton Hills, to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's funded Nurse Practitioner program at the Acton Medical Clinic.

To see a list of newly-recruited doctors who are accepting patients across Halton, visit www.halton.ca/newphysicians. For more info on the physician recruitment program, visit www.haltondoctors.ca, contact Angela Sugden-Praysner at 905-825-6000, ext. 7929, or dial 311, toll-free 1-866-442-5866, TTY 905-827-9833 or the Town of Halton Hills at 905-873-2601 x 2343.

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LOCATE THE NUMBERED EASTER EGGS

contest winner is...

Sarah Palmieri, of Georgetown!

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Thank you to everyone who participated!!

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|  1 Renaissance Woman |  5 Millers Scottish Bakery |
|  2 Fire & Ice |  6 BOS Lift Truck |
|  3 Triton Pools |  7 Dr. Keith DaSilva |
|  4 Bare Image |  8 Guelph St. Animal Hospital |