

Special program for handicapped

by Pam Douglas

Janice Raine has been recruited by Halton Hills Parks and Recreation Department to help integrate disabled children into their summer activities program.

Children with physical or mental handicaps have participated in the Recreation and Parks Department's summer program in the past, but this year special activities will be designed by Raine if a child becomes frustrated with an activity or if he doesn't have the capabilities to participate in certain events.

"Many of these children have short attention spans," said Raine, who will assume the title of Special Needs Supervisor.

All disabled children must register with the department before this Friday (June 1) so provisions can be made for their participation. Raine will be compiling a portfolio for each child containing information from parents and teachers, and the observations she makes about the child during short visits she will make to the child's home and school before the program begins.

Raine will then be training the program's leaders to handle each of the individual disabled children according to their particular needs and interests.

"These children can be involved in almost everything, although we will run across times when a child doesn't have the capabilities or wants to withdraw."

For example, if a child is allergic to the hot sun, he will be taken aside during activities in the sun to listen to a record that he enjoys or read his favorite book, and, "more or less be kept occupied," said Raine.

Raine may be given a special learning package by the child's teacher to put in his portfolio, so he can work on it during his one-

on-one instruction time. The package may consist of lacing exercises or matching games.

"He will be learning, but not in a learning environment, in a fun environment," Raine said.

Raine, a 21-year-old Acton native, is a graduate of Sheridan College's "Children: Our Challenge" program, a course which provided her with experience teaching kids with learning disabilities. She has also taught at E.C. Drury School for the Deaf and the Halton Developmental Centre.

Children 3 to 12 years old can register with the department. Activities include crafts, swimming, games, and a few sports.



Janice Raine



This week thru the lens

There were no fires at Prospect Park on Saturday afternoon but plenty of firemen as the Acton Firefighters hosted a few games for area departments. Four teams of men and two ladies' squads competed in Waterball and a bucket race. Ryan Preuter (top right) seems to be having more fun than Larry Frizel, George Artem and Doug Hewitt (top left), Hewitt (bottom left) and Peter Luty (bottom right). Judges kept a close eye on the watch.

Photos by Robin Inscoc

Driver injured

A 50-year-old RR 1 Acton man received minor injuries Friday when he lost control of his car as he pulled onto the First Line from a trailer park driveway. Earl Jones lost control of his car as he approached a sharp curve in the road, striking a tree. Damage was set at \$2,000.

Main-Mill collision

A car driven by Harold Gordon, 65, of Mill St. West received \$500 worth of damage a week ago Monday in a collision with another car at Main and Mill in Acton. The second vehicle, driven by a 74-year-old Milton man, received \$1,500 damage.

Domestic dispute

Police were called to investigate charges of a domestic assault at the Smallwood Acres trailer park Friday evening. No charges were laid after officers managed to calm a male and female down following an altercation in which the male was bitten on his thumb.

Tree broken

A small maple tree valued at \$35 was snapped in two at the trunk early Friday morning in front of 211 Mill St. East.

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Father seeks aid

A Willow St. man whose 18-year-old son was refusing to leave the premises as ordered called police for assistance Friday night. The son was persuaded to leave once police arrived.

Sneeze play

Halton regional police say an RR 4 Acton man lost control of his car while sneezing, then walked away from the damaged vehicle to have a drink at home before reporting the accident.

Colin Matheson, 56, told police that two or three hours passed between the time he lost control of his car on the First Line near Halton Rd. 12 and the time he visited the police station to report the accident. Police laid no charges.

Damage was estimated at \$600 to the 1974 Chevrolet Matheson was driving and \$500 to the hydro pole the car struck.

Attention
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Service Bureau Officer

Mr. G.K. Alquire
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Anyone wishing information, advice or assistance regarding:

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TOWN OF HALTON HILLS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

General Committee of the Corporation of the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a PUBLIC MEETING to examine, discuss and obtain comment in regard to an application for an amendment to the Esqueping Official Plan and Zoning By-law 74-51. These applications are to permit a multi-use complex involving recreational, institutional, social and cultural activities, in accordance with a comprehensive plan as submitted by the applicant, which will be on public display.

This proposal involves a 64.75 hectares (160 acres) parcel of land located in Part Lots 6 and 7, Concession 11, Town of Halton Hills (Esqueping).

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: Tuesday, June 5th, 1984
Place: Municipal Administration Building
7th Line, Trafalgar Road
Town of Halton Hills

B.D. MacLean, B.A., M.C.I.P.
Deputy Director Planning
Town of Halton Hills

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