

'First big drive' for donations as Lifeline finds storage space

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With the arrival in Halton Hills of at least a dozen families of Asian refugees only weeks away, the Georgetown and Acton chapters of Operation Lifeline are making their "first big drive" to collect offers of accommodations, food, clothing, jobs and particularly furnishings from area residents.

Betty Fisher of the Georgetown Lifeline committee told the Herald this week that

Heslop Industries has donated 2,500 square feet of storage space in the community where goods can be collected ready for distribution to the families of "Boat People" whose immigration has been sponsored by local benefactors.

Howard McLean, another Georgetown committee member, learned this week that the area Immigration Canada office, located in Mississauga, has finally processed its vast backlog of sponsorship forms. As of now, the four-week

waiting period anticipated by the committee takes effect.

IN A HURRY

"We're expecting things to start happening in a hurry now," Georgetown committee co-ordinator Don Long said Monday.

The Bureaucratic red tape that has thus far greatly delayed the immigration of Vietnamese refugees, particularly those coming to Ontario, appears to have been cut to a great extent for a relatively new group of Georgetown

sponsors.

Paul Reding, Bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Hamilton, of which Halton Hills is a part, has made arrangements with the federal government to allow Roman Catholic sponsors in the area fill out special sponsorship forms which may speed the arrival of the refugees.

Harry Aucott, head of the recently-formed sponsorship committee at Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church in Georgetown, told The Herald

that members of the congregation have completed the first of three sponsorship forms, hoping to take responsibility for the safe arrival of at least one refugee family.

Mr. Aucott's eight-member committee, formed during two recent meetings, has already arranged for accommodations for its refugee family and, if the refugees speak either Mandarin or Cantonese Chinese dialects, can provide English language instruction.

Mr. Aucott, who can be contacted at 877-5832, said he is unaware of any similar sponsorship campaigns at Sacre Coeur Roman Catholic Church. The town's only other Catholic parish, St. Joseph's in Acton, has joined six other churches in that community in a joint ecumenical effort to sponsor refugees.

FURNISHINGS SOUGHT

Among the furnishings being sought by the Georgetown committee to meet the needs of arriving refugees are beds and bedding, tables and chairs, living room furniture, appliances, pots and pans, dishes and cutlery, radios and televisions and towels and linens.

Mrs. Fisher added that the committee has done well in collecting offers of food and special services for the refugees, but clothing continues to pose problems. Would-be donors, she said, should remember that the Asian people are smaller in stature on the average and thus require clothing in smaller sizes.

Generally, she added, donors are being asked to hold onto clothing and other items until the refugees begin to arrive, at which time committee volunteers will collect and distribute them.

The attention to specific details about the refugees and their needs which is being displayed by committee members and other benefactors was acknowledged by Mr. Long, who noted that the time has arrived to finalize plans.

"The various sponsorship groups are now concentrating on the details involved in getting the refugees settled once they arrive," he said. "That's where the emphasis will be from now on."



DOG TAKES A DIP

Twelve year old Mike O'Brien greets OB'ie after his pet went for a dip in the CNE's annual dog swim in Toronto on the weekend. Miss CNE Trinka Brine of Niagara Falls was on hand

to give the black lab a welcome. About 150 dogs were entered in the competition. OB'ie won his heat but was eliminated in later rounds.

(Toronto Bureau Photo)

Publicize cost of vandalism, Coun. Serjeantson suggests

The taxpayers of Halton Hills should be made fully aware of how much money vandalism is costing them locally, according to Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson.

The results of vandalism are "more obvious to the public" these days, town engineer Bob Austin told the general com-

mittee Monday night in response to Coun. Serjeantson's questioning. He was unable to say whether vandalism is on the increase, however, and was asked to prepare a report on the problem.

Georgetown's Metcalfe Court ravine, where erosion control work is continuing, is a

major problem area for vandals, Mr. Austin said. Manholes and storm sewer outfalls, among other features of the ravine, have been damaged recently, he said.

The past weekend also saw five gravestones in a local cemetery toppled and broken by vandals, Mr. Austin added,

and the breakage of illuminated street signs has been a "constant" problem ever since they were first installed.

Coun. Serjeantson asked Mr. Austin to survey the situation for the town and try to estimate the amount of damages caused by vandals in Halton Hills. Publication of the cost in tax dollars, she speculated, might help convince citizens that it is their responsibility to report any crimes they witness.

Coun. John McDonald noted that Neighborhood Watch, the police-sponsored anti-vandalism campaign which sought to alert homeowners of their responsibility this summer, offered some statistics on the crime in Halton.

Concern over the apparently hazardous location of a light standard near the Mountainview Road entrance to the Delrex Market centre has prompted the town's general committee to seek the comments of the plaza's owners.

Noting that there has been no light atop the concrete-based standard for months, Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson questioned the need for the installation at Monday night's committee meeting. Clerk-administrator Ken Richardson agreed to consult the plaza owners about the problem.

With or without a light, Coun. Serjeantson said, the standard itself has been at the

centre of several traffic collisions which, as Coun. Roy Booth noted, do not always involve drunk drivers. He and Coun. Mike Armstrong contended that the standard is simply in the wrong place, although Coun. Booth pointed out that it serves to divide the plaza's through traffic into opposing lanes.

The standard is situated a few feet from the entrances into the plaza's Canadian Tire and LCBO outlets.

Despite his participation, Coun. Armstrong appeared largely unimpressed by the discussion.

"It's funny when you have a small agenda what you'll talk about," he joked.

The public portion of the committee meeting lasted a record 25 minutes this week before members went behind closed doors to discuss a confidential matter.

Parking tickets coming for fire route offenders

Motorists who park their cars at curbside in the Delrex Market plaza may soon be finding \$5 violation tickets on their windshields as a result of a new bylaw being considered by town council.

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The owners of the Delrex Market centre and one unannounced condominium corporation in Halton Hills have already expressed willingness to sign agreements with the town through which the private roadways in question would be designated as fire routes and kept clear by the Halton regional police.

Curbside parking in the Delrex plaza was posing enough problems last year to prompt council to have town staff

prepare a report on the situation. The agreement and bylaw which has resulted require the plaza owners and other applicants to pay for the installation of fire route signs and authorize the bylaw's enforcement on their property.

Although signs designating a fire route and warning of possible action against offenders already exist in the Delrex Market, motorists regularly ignore them in order to park close to the stores.

The local police detachment has also signalled its willingness to enforce the proposed bylaw and has suggested a \$5 penalty for offenders.

Suspensions for misconduct

Halton students who have been involved in "extreme cases of misconduct" may find themselves suspended for up to 30 school days in future.

if we are to be a progressive board, we shouldn't wait for it to happen."

MORAL TONE

The original motion said such suspensions could be handed down for conduct "injurious to the moral tone of the school including such offences as attacks or threats to staff members or other students, sexual acts or drug and alcohol-related offences". The motion was amended to leave out references to specific offences.

Superintendent of special education Ron Chapman said that if the wording were too specific, a lawyer acting on behalf of a student would be able to get the case thrown out "on semantics".

In June, the board had 45 suspensions for conduct injurious to the moral tone of the school.

The Halton board of education adopted a motion Thursday which says that for extreme cases of misconduct, a principal may suspend a student for up to 30 school days, with the approval of the area superintendent.

Halton Hills trustee Barry Shepherd, who made the motion, says that under the present policy, a principal may suspend a student for a maximum of ten days only. He said that a suspension of 30 days means the student will be missing six weeks of school "and almost certainly will lose his or her school year".

Mr. Shepherd said the board does not have serious problems here, "but in my opinion

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