Sponsors hold meeting to share information

The Halton Hills branch of Operation Lifeline, the organization assisting sponsors of Vietnamese refugees, is holding an information meeting Thursday evening to let people know where everything stands regarding donations and programs to help the refugees adapt to Canada.

The meeting will be held at St. John's United Church on Guelph Street and will begin at 8:30 p.m. Howard McLean will be passing along any Information he received in discussions when

istry of immigration officials as to when Georgetown sponsors might expect their fami-

The Halton Hills branch is also trying to put together a language program to assist the refugees in learning English, and one of the organizers working to get the program set up will be talking about it. Al Rye, who is in charge of gathering furniture for the

refugees, will be going over the list of donations received, and what is still needed.

BEING STORED

Brenda Gogan, spokesman
for the Georgetown groups,
said the branch has a warehouse where furniture is being
stored until such time as the
refugee families arrive.

"We're ready, certainly as ready as we can be without knowing who we're getting, whether or not there will be any children, that kind of thing." Mrs. Gogan said.

Joanna Dobbin, co-ordinator for one of the aponsor groups in Georgetown, is organizing a Vietnamese dinnner for October 5 at St. Alban's Church in Glen Williams. The dinner will be for the purpose of raising money for the refugees.

About ten or eleven groups have signed sponsor papers, Mrs. Gogan said.

"We're quite pleased," she said. "Our goal was 20 famil-

ies, and we're slowly getting there."

Arlene Bruce, member of a private sponsor group in Acton, said her group and the Acton Churches for Boat People are getting a good response from the community. The groups are still looking for people willing to supply accommodation, even temporar-

"We're still looking for accommodation, even temporary
accommodation, so that if we
know a family is coming, in a
short period of time, we will
have at least a temporary
place for them to stay," Mrs.
Bruce said. "We're hoping
people who have space in their
homes will come forward and
offer it to the refugees temporarily. The space should be
available in a month or so,
because that's probably when
it will be needed."

The Acton groups are still accepting donations, Mrs. Bruce said, and anyone wish-

ing to donate clothing or furniture can contact John Kavanagh at \$53-1433, or Steve Ormsby, who is working with the Acton Churches for Boat People, at \$53-2372.

Mrs. Bruce said they have had ofters from people to help supply Oriental food for the refugees, to help ease the period of adjustment to Canadian lifestyles. She said more than one person has told her the major adjustment they had to make was in diet.

The groups are hoping people with an Oriental background will be willing to assist the refugee familles in adjusting to Canada, and ask that anyone who would be interested in helping out contact them.

"We have had a fair response already from people who will be helping out when the families come," Mrs. Bruce said. "It's heartwarming to see people being so caring."



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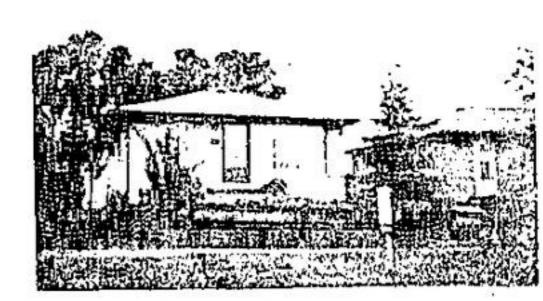
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Resident complains about road, says town ignores problems

Town engineer Bob Austin has responded to an angry letter from a Stevens Crescent resident with a mixture of assurances that problems will be resolved and queries about the circumstances on which the resident based some of his complaints.

Advised by Mr. Austin that all of the problems noted by D.L. Gillespie of 40 Stevens Crescent are either awaiting action by the town that has already been scheduled or are being referred to more appropriate authorities, council voted last Tuesday night to forward a copy of the engineer's report to the resident.

A six-year resident of Stevens Crescent, Mr. Gillespie expressed disdain in his letter over the "continual disregard of general road maintenance in a residential area". If the town retains someone in charge of road maintenance, he asked, why should taxpayers have to point out problems to town council?

CURBLACK

Mr. Gillespie noted the lack
of curbs along Stevens and
asked that gravel be spread to
cover ruts that have appeared

"The approach from city property to my driveway is so low, my car scrapes bottom coming in and out." he wrote. "The walkway from Stevens to Weber is a disgrace. Asphalt has been broken apart and it's just full of mud when it rains."

Another walkway between Stevens and George Kennedy public school has little soil left on either side, he continued, leaving conditions that threaten the walkway stairs. Mr. Gillespie concluded by requesting that the town spread sand along the walkways to cut down on ice during the winter

months.

In his response, Mr. Austin explained that "major shouldering work" was completed along Stevens last year, although some deficiencies remain in the area of Mr. Gillespie's home. Those deficiencies are scheduled for repair as part of an ongoing program, he said.

"Regarding the walkway from Stevens to Weber Drive, I take exception to calling it a disgrace," Mr. Austin said, Although the walkway

asphalt is cracking longitudinally, he said, "there is no evidence of settlement and I can see no place where it is broken apart." The sodded sides of the walkway are "in good repair" for the most part, he added, but the portion abutting 7 Weber Drive has become worn by private cars which are parking next to it and possible on ton of it

on top of it.

BOARD FENCES

"Since the last inspection of the walkway, the board fence at the Stevens end has been broken," Mr. Austin reported.
"Fencing the boundary of the

block adjacent to the one resi-

dent could alleviate some of the mud problem.

"As Stevens is in the fiveyear capital budget, and as the storm sewer will be re-laid through this block. I do not think it is economically wise to perform any works on it this year."

Mr. Austin claimed that the erosion problem evident along the walkway between Stevens and Kennedy school has been brought to the attention of the Halton Board of Education. Town staff hopes to correct the problem through its reciprocal agreement with the Board, he explained.

works on it this "Council's present policy is not to sand or clean walkways during the winter," he conem evident along cluded.

Town supports industrial park near Hornby

Town council has thrown some additional weight behind a proposal to develop 26 industrial lots near Hornby by indicating its conditional support for the plan to Halton region.

The town planning board had referred the proposal by Marksol Developments to the planning department for a report, but in reviewing the board minutes last Tuesday night, council voted to let the region know it "generally favors" the plan.

Marksol hopes to develop the 26-lot industrial subdivision on a 27-acre site currently zoned agricultural. Dry industries such as manufacturing and warehousing would be located just north of Highway 401 and south of Steeles Avenue, west

of Hornby.
NO INDICATION

Coun. Roy Booth complained that the planning board's recommendation did not give any indication that Halton Hills is altracted to the concept. He suggested an amendment aimed at advising regional council of the town's wish-

The amendment, approved by council, asks the region to expedite its consideration of the proposal, noting that Halton Hills is generally in favor of the plan, barring any "environmental and engineering problems" which might arise

Mayor Pete Pomeroy agreed that the amendment was a good idea, reiterating his previous comments that locating dry industry in that area "makes sense". The mayor pointed out that approval for the Marksol proposal is contingent upon the region's plans for Millon's newly-approved industrial park immediately to the south.

"We're all one in the region when it comes to industry," he commented.

Friends give surprise party

The Members and friends of Rev. and Mrs. Ed Mitchell of Maple Ave. Baptist Church gave a surprise 25th anniversary party at the church with over 40 persons attending from Rev. Mitchells former pastorate in Oakville and well over 100 from Georgetown. Skits, including a "mock wedding" and "school days" got everyone in the mood for a fun evening and gifts were presented to the couple by the church and friends. The

church and friends. The church has grown considerably since Rev. and Mrs. Mitchell took it over last September and further rapid growth is anticipated in the coming year culminating with the 25th anniversary of Maple Avenue Baptist Church. The church was formerly named Grace Baptist Church and started as Sunday School in a home on John Street in Georgetown. The "fellowship" times and the dinners at Maple Ave, church have gotten a reputation with always a good turnout and the pastors anniversary was another instance of this.



KABOOM

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