

Tenants can save heating costs

Rent and energy



PROUD 'CHICKEN'

William Fry, 9, (joined by his mother, Susan) stands proud as John Kesteloot, president of the Georgetown Optimists, stuffs a cheque for \$100 in his pocket. William, a Grade four student at Glen Williams Public School is the grand prize winner in the Optimist drug abuse "chicken" scrapbook contest. All the local schools took part in the contest. A winner from each school was picked and their names were drawn for the grand prize winner.

(Herald photo)

Plug in with the Kinsmen

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Residence, Centennial and Silver Creek Apartments; in addition a bus will be sent to Preston's grocery store in Glen Williams and to the Moore Park Plaza.

Buses will group at the Delrex Plaza in front of the Delrex Smoke shop, embarking on the tour at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The Kinsmen will be making arrangements to have all interested seniors picked up if they are

unable to get to one of the previously mentioned departure points.

After the tour, there is plenty of food and prizes for the seniors. This year, as an added touch the Kinsmen are asking if residents of Georgetown having a special knack for making a Christmas craft or any other item would like to donate an item as a door-prize.

Contact the tour organizers, Kin Peter Worton 877-7051, or Bob Malcolmson 877-2972.

Trustees meet

The public's invited to the inaugural meeting of the Halton board of education this Thursday (Dec. 2). Halton Hills trustees Betty Fisher and Arlene Bruce, re-elected to their seats Nov. 8, will be there as well as new trustee Dick Howitt. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the board room of the administration building at 2050 Guelph Line in Burlington. Judge Doug Latimer will speak, then administer the oaths of office and of allegiance to the newly elected trustees. As well, trustees will elect a chairman and vice-chairman. A reception will follow.

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When it comes to the conservation of energy, tenants do not always have the same incentive as homeowners — but they should have.

Many tenants pay for the cost of heating, cooling, lighting and hot water as part of their rent and regard these costs as fixed. They may feel that conserving energy will not save them money and using more energy will not increase their costs.

Nothing could be further from the truth, of course; energy costs — where they are not paid directly — are ultimately passed on to the consumer in the form of higher rents.

Many Ontario residents live in rented accommodation and account for a large share of Ontario energy use. Last year, residential energy cost more than \$2 billion.

Sharing Responsibility
Ontario Energy Minister Robert Welch says there is an opportunity for a coalition to develop between responsible

energy-conscious tenants and their landlords.

"Both can benefit from energy conservation, and both share responsibility to participate in helping Ontario meet its energy conservation goals."



"The opportunities for conservation and saving exist whether tenants pay energy costs directly or through their rent," he said, "and realistically, optimum results can only be achieved through a working partnership."

He suggested that owners of apartments and other rental units have the same responsibility as individual homeowners to concern themselves with the energy efficiency of the building and its equipment.

Tenants, for their part, have many opportunities to conserve energy within their apartments. Here are a few tips:

- Lower the thermostat to 20 degrees Celsius during the day and to 17 at night.
- Lower the thermostat when the apartment is empty.
- Check humidity levels. Cooler energy-saving temperatures are more comfortable when humidity is maintained at recommended levels. A proper humidifier could be a wise investment.
- Use air conditioning, if available, only when high temperatures warrant it and use natural means to control temperature, where possible; for example, closing drapes on hot days and on cold nights.
- Conserve hot water, and use electrical appliances wisely.
- Turn out lights when not required.

Helping professionals

There are even unemployed engineers out there, and the Brampton chapter of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario (APEO) is holding a seminar "Managing your career change" Dec. 13 starting at 7 p.m. Open to all professionals, the seminar costs \$5 at the door. If you're planning to attend, reserve a seat by phoning Bob Walters at 965-9513 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. or 877-9269 after 6 p.m. The evening will feature speakers Ken MacLeod, a manager with the Employment Advisory Service of APEO, and Barry Adamson, management consultant with Murray Axmith and Associates, a firm specializing in career planning and relocation.

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