

Volunteers can hone skills in community workshop

Volunteer organizations in Halton Hills can pick up some important tips from four community workshops sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department in October.

The four workshops aimed at helping community organizations will be held on Oct. 15 at the Acton High School.

The workshops, entitled Creative Fundraising, The How To's When It Comes To Publicity, Recruitment-Training-Motivation and Effective Meeting Management, cost only \$5 each and will be conducted by experts in the field, said Debbie Miethig of the Recreation Department.

The publicity workshop will be run by local artist Grant Gibson.

Mr. Gibson will instruct people on how to properly design posters and flyers.

The surrealistic artist will be showing organizers "how to make (flyers) so people won't just throw them out."

People will remember a properly designed poster or flyer, said Mr. Gibson.

Georgetown resident Anne Lawlor will be teaching the meeting management seminar.

You can learn how to run meetings more effectively, know the functions of the chairperson, the importance of pre-meeting planning and how to stick to agendas, said Ms. Lawlor, who has a degree in management science.

"We'll be looking at some of the pitfalls in meeting management."

The seminar will also advise non-profit organizations how they can raise more money and ways of keeping registration fees down, said Ms. Lawlor. Minor sports organizations could benefit from the latter part of the seminar, she said.

The recruitment and training seminar will be run by Shelly White, an employee of the youth employment centre in Mississauga.

Ms. White will demonstrate methods of recruiting and holding volunteers, creative ways of motivating them and how to encourage them to work more effectively together.

Greg Burns, the director of recreation for the City of Cambridge, will teach the creative fundraising workshop.

He will show how to tap major sources of funding, rules for successful fundraising events, projects and promotional gimmicks.

The creative fundraising and the "how to's" in publicity workshops will be from 10 a.m. to noon and the recruitment and meeting



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management workshops will be conducted from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

A similar successful program was held at the Georgetown high school two years ago, said Ms. Miethig.

To register for the workshops contact the Parks and Recreation Department on James Street in Georgetown or phone 877-5185, ext. 261.

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Clearing up the confusion

Local clergy clarify controversial paper

Although "pleased" with the United Church's decision to welcome homosexuals into the Church, local ministers say the policy was already in place but is now official.

"The media reports were very sensationalized and led people to the wrong conclusions," said St. Andrew's Church minister Tom Bandy, regarding the General Council paper entitled "Membership, Ministry and Human Sexuality," released in August.

"The central statements of the United Church have been confirmed and they have not really changed," said Rev. Walter Ridley of Norval United Church, one of the ministers from across Canada chosen to represent his area at the Victoria, BC General Council meeting.

Rev. Bandy said the paper "Membership, Ministry and Human Sexuality" outlining a protocol for celibacy in singleness, and faithfulness in marriage, and allowing "all members of the Church" to be eligible for ordination, is accepted by "an overwhelming consensus."

"There may be some individuals who withdraw from the Church (but) it's not an epidemic," he said.

Rev. Bandy added that less than a dozen families at St. Andrew's have reacted negatively to the church's decision to welcome homosexuals. But homosexuality is not the only issue in the church's decision outlined in the paper. The United Church is officially open to all denominations and ministries.

"We're not going to bar anybody. All persons who profess faith in Jesus Christ and obedience to Him are welcome to be members of our Church," said Rev. Ridley.

But the definition of what "following Christ" involves is causing dissension within the Church, said Rev. Bandy. "There are some people who believe that the Bible speaks against homosexuality."

"Some people are thinking of leaving the Church. They are supposing that we are accepting self-declared homosexuals," said Rev. Ridley.



A united group of ministers from the Halton Hills area Knox of St. John's Church, Rev. Walter Ridley of Norval United Church and Rev. Tom Bandy of St. Andrew's of Mountainview Road.

One such group is the Community of Concern, formed of dissenting United Church ministers who believe "Towards a Christian Understanding of Sexual Orientations, Lifestyles and Ministries," a paper released last spring, omitted the discussion of marriage and celibacy, when recommending "fair" treatment of homosexuals.

"Concerned people generally were saying we want to confirm... chaste singleness and faithfulness in marriage," said Rev. Nancy Knox of St. John's United Church in Georgetown. She added that the latest United Church report,

"Membership, Ministry and Human Sexuality" spelled out clearly the commitment of the Church to these ideals.

Rev. Ridley agreed, saying difficulties arose with what was absent from the Church's May paper, rather than any new policy. "The beliefs were all there. Nobody bothered to write them in," he said.

While the Community of Concern tended to polarize people said Rev. Knox, she added that the homosexuality issue and its impact on the church are a "reflection of our society," giving as examples politicians who proclaim their homosexuality.

But the United Church's decision to announce a policy was necessary, according to Rev. Knox. "It was what the Church needed to say, and can say quite faithfully," she said.

However, despite the national decision made by the United Church of Canada in late August, ministers will still be subject to approval at the local church level. Students applying for ordination will do so at their home parish, said Rev. Bandy.

"The United Church has no bishop or pope or authoritative figure to give you 'the word'... The United Church leaves it up to the clergy to interpret."

Validity of survey questioned by residents

A survey conducted by a consultant for Acton landfill site proponents Reclamation Systems Inc. should be thrown out because it possibly has falsified returns, committee members say.

Sid Moorhouse, the consultant hired by RSI to conduct the social and economic impacts of the proposed landfill site said there were 40 telephone interviews conducted with residents in Georgetown, 31 with residents in Acton and 21 door-to-door surveys completed.

The surveys were designed to assess how people felt about the proposed dumpsite and how it will affect them, said Mr. Moorhouse.

But Marjorie Kirkwood, whose property borders on the dumpsite said she refused to fill out the 28-

page questionnaire because it contained personal questions.

Another resident, who asked not to be identified, said the person who asked her to fill out the questionnaire said Mrs. Kirkwood did respond to the survey.

Mrs. Kirkwood has demanded to see the survey returned under her name.

And Ward 2 Coun. Pam Sheldon criticized the consultants for not conducting enough surveys.

A consultant conducting the urban structure review at Halton Region said at least 100 people should be surveyed to get an accurate gauge of community feelings, she said.

According to one woman, who asked not to be identified, the survey included questions asking if residents had been through any grief in the family recently, if there had been

any deaths of relatives or relationship problems in the past year, if she had contacted a real estate agent about selling her property recently,

what her salary is, and how many children she has.

"They were so personal," the woman said of the questions.

Region agrees to project review

Halton Region gave approval Wednesday to recommend a \$225,000 review of Mountainview Road.

Mountainview Road, Regional Road 13, considered "dangerous" by regional engineer Bob Austin, is slated for \$10 million reconstruction following "pre-engineering and design for (its) ultimate scheme," according to a regional report.

Mayor Russ Miller, speaking to the Region Planning Committee, said the Region should "accelerate the project," which will not begin until 1989 at the earliest, according to Mr. Austin.

Regional Engineer Bob Austin said that "knoll removal" is completed at Mountainview Road between Suderoad 10 and Summit Lane, an area known as Hungry Hollow. The next phase of construction will include determining the road's new structure, said Mr. Austin.

Coun. Joan Little disagreed with the \$225,000 engineering research cost being recommended to the 1989 Regional Committee, but the Committee voted to pass the recommendation on to future committee members.

Ballinafad News

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The Corn Roast was a smashing success as a large crowd attended. Rodney Allan set the tune for a party by his decorating of the hall. Along with corn stalks on the walls, Rodney made a couple of scarecrows, that were placed at the ticket table to greet the people as they came in. These Mr. and Mrs. Scarecrows were a real delight.

People floated from the dance to outside to stand by the fire, where Paul Metcalfe had the corn pot boiling. The night was super for being outside and exchanging jokes and stories.

JV, which were the DJs for the evening knew just what to play to keep a crowd on the dance floor at all times.

The Jim Dandies did not fair well at the end of the season, as they lost their first two games of the Round Robin playoffs, which put them out. It will be back to the drawing board for next year. A special thanks to Jim Bailey and Paul Metcalfe for all their time they gave for coaching. A team meeting is planned for Sept. 28.

Many residents are returning to the village after extended vacations. Among them are Leo and Margaret Jamieson who were out west for a month, Ernie and Eileen McEnery and Dr. Brian Buckrell who was in South America lecturing for three weeks.

Goods auctioned

Sports equipment (springboards and archery sets), a pool table, camera equipment, fridges, stoves and dryers, bathtubs and sinks, stainless steel cafeteria equipment, and portable and console television sets will be on sale at the Ontario government's next cash and carry sale, Saturday, Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

All goods are on a first come, first serve basis. Location of the sale is 155 Judson St., which intersects Islington Avenue south of the Queen Elizabeth Way in Etobicoke.

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