

Town Gardener Winter needs for plants

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Jade Plant

During the winter months, the majority of requests lean towards low light plants, and the majority of my column deal with low light, low maintenance house plants because of winter conditions. To make things even harder for the northern gardener architects and builders place heating units below the windows. This obviously prevents us from placing plants directly in the window, because the soil will heat up, the plant will dry prematurely and depression sets in. Comments usually are "I have a south facing window where I sacrifice most of my plants," or "My dieffenbachia looks like Maple Leaf bacon on a Sunday morning!" Now these sound a little funny, but the truth is we've all cooked a few in our time. The replacement plants I have found for this

scenario are cacti and succulents. The stand out in this category of hot sun, and fluctuating temperatures is Crassula argentea. Who?

More commonly called the jade plant and more uncommonly called the propeller plant or the money plant, common names change from here to Hillsburgh! This tough succulent forms a shrubby bush and if given enough sun will flower! They are best known for their ability to withstand temperature fluctuations, full sun, drafts, air conditioning and in low light they will hang on to life until you see fit to give them another chance at a full sun window.

During active growth, they respond well to fertilizer. Use 20-20-20 at half strength to retain good jade green color and plump leaves. As they age, the trunks turn grey but remain fleshy in-

side. If given full sun their leaf margins or the edges of the leaves will turn red; thus the true name California Red-tip Jade.

Jade plants prefer a little neglect through the winter months. (many of you are saying no problem) over-watering is the no. 1 cause of failure with this plant. From the hot sands of Africa to clay pots in your home, this plant will perform well in your sunny windows.

To propagate this plant simply cut off tip cuttings 3" to 4" long and stick them in a glass of water until you see some roots. When the roots equal the leaves in size plant the cutting in a 4" clay pot with a sterilized potting mix. If you wish to use a decorative plastic container mix one-third sand with your potting soil to insure good drainage.

Garden Watch

Continued from last week
July

- *Plant a Tree for Canada!
- *Fertilize annuals, perennials, vegetables planters, hanging baskets to keep them flowering all summer
- *Water your lawns and gardens in the morning before the heat of the day, it takes three hours per sprinkler position for water to reach a depth of six inches for an average lawn
- *Pinch an inch off your annuals 10-12 days after planting and after every flush of finished flowers, the cleaner the better!
- *Raise the cutting height of your lawn mower to three inches to three and a half inches
- *Relax and enjoy your garden, isn't this what it's all about

August

- *Plant during the cool part of the day and apply two inches of mulch
- *Prune climbing roses and clean early flowering perennials
- *Remove old raspberry canes after harvesting
- *Watch for pest problems, use organic controls!
- *Sow new lawns or over-seed your existing lawn, water well 20 minutes per sprinkler position on new seed only!

September

- *The kids are back in school!
- *FREE GARDEN Classes Tuesday evenings 7:30 p.m. bring the whole family and learn a healthy hobby.
- *Dig and divide perennials, harvest seeds from your plants
- *Ideal time to plant, the air is cool and the soil is warm
- *World Flowering Bulb Week, let us all participate
- *Good time to repair the lawn with grass seed

October

- *Clean out annuals and plant bulbs - tulips, crocus, daffodils
- *Dig and store tender bulbs, i.e. dahlias, begonias, gladioli
- *Blend manure and bonemeal into your garden for good soil
- *You can still plant as long as the ground isn't frozen
- *Time to prepare a hole and fill it with straw if you plan on using a potted living Christmas tree and recycle your tree

November

- *Hill roses and mulch tender, exposed perennials
- *Soak soil around evergreens and this years plantings
- *Protect trees and shrubs from rodents
- *Pot bulbs for forcing indoors
- *use anti transpirants to protect your exposed evergreens

December

- *Christmas in the country
- *Select a cool spot for your poinsettias and Christmas tree they will stay fresher away from the fire place
- *Reduce watering of indoor plants
- *Plants make great gifts and they're good for indoor environments



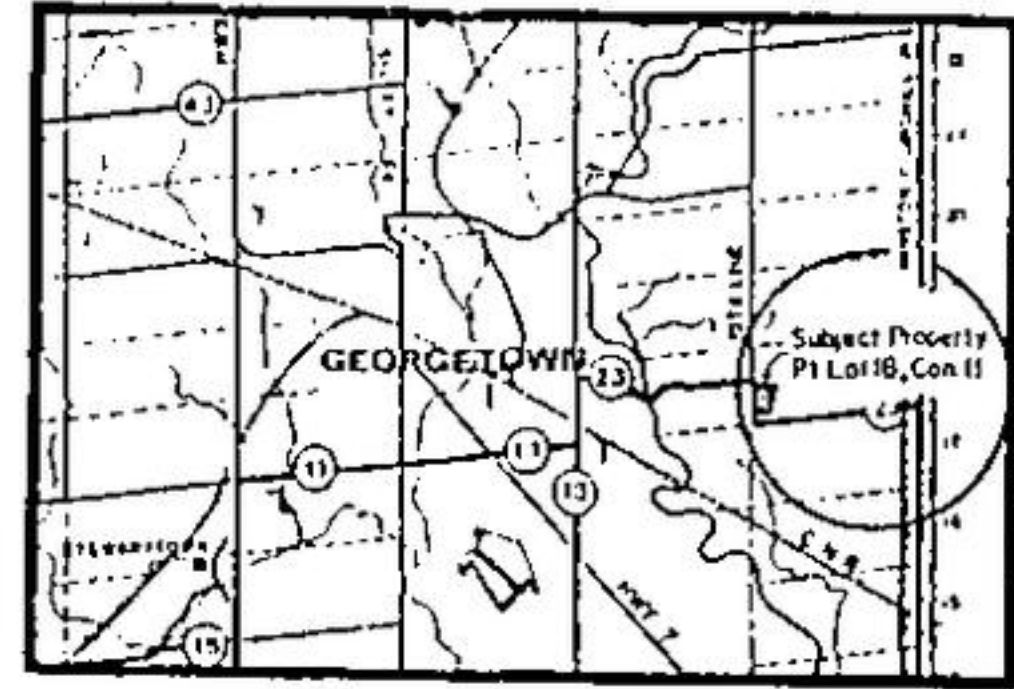
Flying high

With his crazy antics and high-flying stunts, trampolinist Rob Doan of Mississauga had the students at Harrison Public School laughing hysterically when he performed there Thursday. The school had a special assembly to feature the talents of Mr. Doan and his partner, Durango Coy (bottom) who perform as the 'Tramp Champs.' Mr. Doan was the 1985 Canadian Trampoline Champion and showed the students his winning routine plus how to safely perform on a trampoline. (Herald Photo)



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING WARD 2 / TENTH LINE / REGIONAL ROAD NO. 23



Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a proposed amendment to Zoning By-law 74-51 in order to permit a nursery/garden centre operation.

The subject property is located at the intersection of the Tenth Line and Regional Road No. 23, with the property being described as Part of Lot 18, Concession 11, Town of Halton Hills (Esqueusing).

Further information is available in the Planning Department.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: Tuesday, March 3rd, 1992
Location: Council Chamber
Halton Hills Civic Centre
1 Halton Hills Drive
Halton Hills (Georgetown)

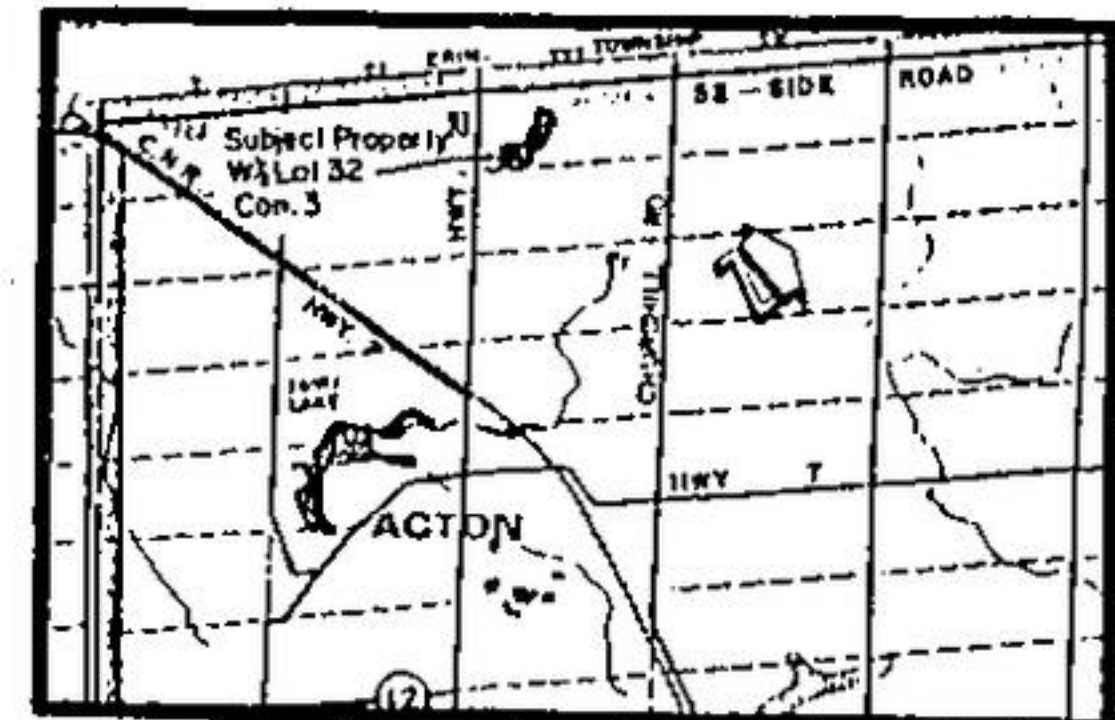
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COURTESY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING WARD 2 / HIGHWAY 25 / ERIN/HALTON HILLS TOWN LINE



Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a proposed amendment to Zoning By-law 74-51 to rezone a property for stormwater management purposes.

The subject property is located at the southeast corner of Highway No. 25 and the Erin/Halton Hills Town Line, with the property being described as Part of Lot 32, Concession 3, Town of Halton Hills (Esqueusing).

Further information is available in the Planning Department.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME

Time: 7:10 p.m.
Date: Monday, February 17, 1992
Location: Council Chamber
Halton Hills Civic Centre
1 Halton Hills Drive
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File No: D14/Dobryn Properties

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING WARD 2 / MAIN STREET SOUTH



Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a proposed amendment to the Zoning By-law to permit a plan of subdivision consisting of 304 single family residential lots, an elementary school block, open space and park blocks and parkettes.

The subject property is located on the east side of Main Street (Eighth Line), between No. 10 and No. 15 Sideroads in Georgetown. The property is described as Part of Lot 13, Concession 9, Town of Halton Hills (georgetown).

Further information is available in the Planning Department.

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Time: 7:10 p.m.
Date: Tuesday, March 3, 1992
Location: Council Chamber
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File No: D12/Paramount (24T-85020)

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