

**The Bumblebee Problem:** Recently, concern has been growing about declines in the diversity and abundance of pollinating insects. Victoria MacPhail, a Natural Heritage Technician at Credit Valley Conservation, did her MSc on pollination. She is very much involved in both Pollination Canada and the new Pollinator Park being developed in Guelph. All are welcome to listen to her timely talk on Pollination and Pollinators to the Halton/North Peel Naturalist Club, 7:30 p.m. in St. Alban the Martyr Church, 537 Main St., Glen Williams. Info: 905-877-1539.



**Georgetown Seniors Centre euchre:** (euchre 1st and third Tuesday; bid euchre second and fourth Tuesday), 7 p.m. at the centre on Guelph St. Admission \$2.

**Wednesday, Jan. 13**

**Esquensing Historical Society:** Learn about St. Paul's Anglican Church, Norval— Join Rev. Richard Ruggle, for-

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mer vicar of St. Paul's and local historian, as he explores the history of the Anglicans and this church in Norval from 1830 to the present, 7:30 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, Main and Church Streets, Georgetown.

**W.I. Games Night:** is the theme of the January meeting of Silver-Wood Women's Institute, 7 p.m. at Limehouse Memorial Hall so bring your oldest game to play. Visitors are always welcomed. Info: Shirley, president, 519-853-2604 .

**Euchre and Games Night:** at Huttonville United Church starting at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$4.

**Family Storytime:** 9:45 a.m. at the Georgetown library and 2 p.m. at the Acton Community Centre. Just drop in.

**Sleepytime Stories:** Before you tuck the kids in at night, bring them to the Georgetown library for Sleepytime Stories, 7 p.m. Children wear their pajamas to this program full of stories, music and fun! No registration required!

**Acton/Georgetown La Leche League:** For mothers and babies who are breastfeeding or planning to breastfeed, 7:30 p.m. at the Ontario Early Years Centre, Georgetown. Info: Samantha: 905-702-0768.

**Aphasia help:** Do you or anyone you know suffer from Aphasia? The Halton Aphasia Centre is a non-profit organization whose aim is to assist persons recovering from a stroke or other trauma and living with aphasia. A Communicative Disorders Assistant (CDA) and a Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) direct and supervise trained volunteers in specifically developed programs every Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Glen Williams Town Hall. Any individual interested in volunteering as a communication facilitator, call 1-866-204-4044 or [www.haltonaphasiacentre.com](http://www.haltonaphasiacentre.com)

**Thursday, Jan 14**

**Senior Men's luncheon:** 12 p.m. at St. John's Church, Guelph St. Speaker: Mayor Rick Bonnette. All retired men are welcome. Cost \$10. Info: Aiden, 905-877-6029.

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**Halton Small Business Centre**

**Bridges to Better Business - Strategies for Growth: February 25, 2010**

A unique educational and networking event that brings together small businesses from across Halton Region. This event will highlight various strategies entrepreneurs can use to grow their businesses.

Topics include: marketing, e-Commerce, social media, sales techniques and managing your time more effectively. Keynote speaker Hugh Culver will present "It's All About the Small Stuff." This fast-paced and practical session is about creating more success in life and at work.

Registration details are below.

**Upcoming Business Seminars and Programs**

**First Steps in Exporting:** The Ministry of Economic Development and Trade will share resources, programs and services available to potential exporters including export readiness, market research, export planning and practical issues.

Thurs., Jan. 14  
 Halton Regional Centre  
 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
 No charge for this seminar. Pre-registration is required

**Starting a Small Business:** A general overview of the things you will need to consider, including resources to help you succeed, structure, registrations, regulations, licences, taxes and financing options.

Wed., Jan. 20  
 Halton Regional Centre  
 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
 \$20/person

**Consultant-on-Site Program:** In partnership with Halton Hills Public Library, a business consultant will be available to meet with small business clients at the Georgetown Branch Library on Thurs., Jan. 21. Appointments must be booked in advance.

**Bookkeeping:** Understand bookkeeping principles and practices, financial statements, taxation, expenses and software programs.

Wed., Jan. 27  
 Halton Hills Public Library  
 Georgetown Branch  
 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
 \$20/person

**Growing in the Right Direction – Expert Advice:** Get the best advice from business experts. A lawyer, accountant, marketing expert and banker will assist with your challenges and questions.

Wed., Feb. 3  
 Burlington Central Library  
 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
 \$20/person

**Consultant-on-Site Program:** In partnership with Milton Public Library, a business consultant will be available to meet with small business clients at the Milton Public Library on Thurs., Feb. 4. Appointments must be booked in advance.

**Starting a Small Business:** A general overview of the things you will need to consider, including resources to help you succeed, structure, registrations, regulations, licences, taxes and financing options.

Wed., Feb.10  
 Milton Public Library  
 1 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
 \$20/person

**Bridges to Better Business - Strategies for Growth Event:** In partnership with the federal and provincial governments and RBC Royal Bank, this session will focus on strategies that small business owners can use to grow their business.

Thurs., Feb. 25  
 Oakville Conference Centre  
 7:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.  
 \$75/person

**Contact us for more information and registration details for these events.**

**Halton Hills**

**Christmas Tree Collection  
 Urban areas only**

**In Halton Hills, Christmas tree collection occurs twice in the month of January (urban areas only):**

- Collection Area 3                      January 13 & 20**
- Collection Area 4                      January 13 & 20**
- Collection Area 5                      January 13 & 20**

Remove all tinsel, lights, decorations, tree stands and plastic bags from Christmas trees prior to collection.

Please ensure trees do not become stuck or frozen in snow banks.

Christmas trees are taken for composting at the Halton Waste Management Site, where they are turned into valuable mulch for use in landscaping projects.

Visit [www.halton.ca/waste](http://www.halton.ca/waste) and use our new "Put Waste In Its Place" online tool— enter an item you are unsure what to do with and it will tell you how to reuse, recycle or dispose of it properly.



**Flu immunizations still available**

Although Halton Region's final community flu immunization clinic will be held on January 16, both the H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines are still available through most doctors' offices. Since Halton's first H1N1 immunization clinic opened on October 28, 2009, over 146,000 doses of H1N1 vaccine has been provided in Halton. To put this into perspective, the number of people immunized would fill both the Air Canada Centre and the Rogers Centre/Sky dome twice. This is truly impressive.

Protecting the health of residents is a top priority for Halton Region and I would like to thank you all for your patience, support and kind words throughout our clinic operation, as we participate in Canada's largest ever immunization program.

To find one of our remaining clinic dates and locations, please visit [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca) or dial 311.



Gary Carr  
 Regional Chair

**Halton Regional Meeting Schedule**

- Jan 12, 9:30 a.m.** Health & Social Services Ctte.
- Jan 13, 9:30 a.m.** Planning & Public Works Ctte.
- Jan 13, 1:30 p.m.** Admin & Finance Ctte.

Meetings can be viewed at [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca)