## WHAT'S NEWS

January 2012

Congratulations to the following persons/ businesses celebrating special achievements:

On November 17th, 2011 the **Town of Halton Hills' practical Green Plan** was able reach 1.8
million subscribers .The **Town's** ongoing
commitment to sustainability and to promoting a
high quality of life has been recognized through an
article in **Business Review Canada and Energy Digital Magazine**. Combined, the two publications
have about 1.8 million subscribers.

The Town's commitment to sustainability was once again recognized, this time by **Metrolinx** - a provincial agency responsible for coordinating and integrating all modes of transportation across the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area (GTHA). **Metrolinx** presented the **Town** with the Smart Commute Halton "Employer of the Year" award.

Mike Davis and Gloria Hildebrandt were invited to give a talk about *Escarpment Views* by the Hamilton branch of the Editors' Association of Canada in November. With the publication of the Winter 2011/2012 issue, *Escarpment Views* is entering its fifth year in business. The winter issue is now available for free here, as well as at various Halton Hills locations.

The following businesses are offering expanded services:

STRIDE has recently developed a new Youth

Employment Program. They will work with families, service providers, and youth with mental health and addiction needs, providing them with the information they need to prepare for the workforce and obtain employment in the community.

Key areas of service are:

Worksite Training Program – STRIDE operates
Worksite Training Programs in North and South
Halton whereby individuals develop their work skills
in a structured environment that reflects what they
will experience in the competitive workplace.
Employment Connections Program – This
program offers a variety of job readiness and placement services to individuals who are ready to either
develop their careers in new areas or return to a field
in which they have had previous experience.

STRIDE recognizes youth with mental health needs are not the same as adults and, therefore services will be youth-oriented. STRIDE has tailored their services to support youth in transition. This Program will assist youth facing barriers to employment to develop a broad range of skills, as well as acquire the knowledge and work experience they need to participate in today's job market.

Registration for the Williams Mill Visual Arts Centre Arts Education Programs for Adults (age 18+) is now available including classes and workshops on: pottery, body casting, art therapy, ceramics, watercolour, collage, acrylics, pastel, life drawing, embroidery, jewellery, abstraction, drawing fundamentals, on location painting and drawing, and printmaking. The variety of classes and workshops offered for the Winter/Spring 2012 session will be taught by a line-up of talented art instructors. Register online at <a href="http://www.williamsmill.com/register.php">http://www.williamsmill.com/register.php</a>, in person at the Williams Mill Gallery or by mail at: 515 Main Street, Glen Williams, ON L7G 3S9

## Other announcements of interest:

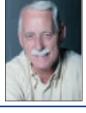
The Board of Directors of **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Halton** was pleased to announce the appointment of Barbara Ferrone as Executive
Director, effective Nov. 14, 2011. In her volunteer career, Barbara has served Halton Region communities for over 20 years in various non-profit agencies. The mission of **Big Brothers Big Sisters** is to help kids in need make healthy life choices through positive mentoring relationships. **Big Brothers Big Sisters** offers their programs and

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Eric Doubt, President of **Communication Associates**, is proud to announce that it has been appointed the marketing agency for Haiti Village Health (HVH), a five-year old non-profit, medical NGO operating in the north of Haiti. HVH provides medical care and community health programs to a primarily rural population of 25,000 around Bod Me Limbe and in Cap Haitian. **Communication** 

Limbe and in Cap Haitian. Communication Associates will be developing a new web site designed to encourage donations, sign up volunteers and attract sponsorships. The company will also roll out a new corporate identity and support fund raising strategies with marketing materials. CA has been the marketing agency for Healing Hands for Haiti since 2006. Eric Doubt and Marnie Hughes (Communication Artistry), a CA associate and Halton Hills Chamber member, have traveled and volunteered in Haiti during that period. Other CA associates include Chamber members Grant Lee (AGL Marketing) and Andrea Dubravsky (ADWebDesign). Haiti Village Health relies on volunteer medical professionals from throughout North America and the Caribbean for service delivery, and on public donations, foundation grants and corporate support for funding.

