

# Drivers needed for volunteer transportation pool in Georgetown

In an attempt to fill a gap in the transportation system in Georgetown, a group of residents are trying to organize a transportation pool.

According to Gerald Rennie, a Halton Hills councillor and member of the seniors advisory committee, explained the new system will be similar to one currently operating in Acton.

Aimed at people who are not eligible to ride on municipally

funded transportation services — like Halton Region's Pegasus or Activan in Halton Hills — and cannot afford a taxi trip.

According to Rennie, the pool of volunteer drivers "is kind of an interim measure" until Halton Hills develops a municipal transit system.

He said a similar program being run in Acton for the last three years has been "working quite well."

With the Georgetown transpor-

tation pool still in its planning stages, organizers hope by the end of next month to have some idea of the number of people interested in getting rides and the number of drivers available.

"We hope to have it going by mid-September," Rennie said. "It will probably start off slowly."

Initially the program will only be available during daylight hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, he said.

"We are looking for at least 10 drivers so that we don't overburden any one driver," Rennie said.

He added that because the service is available for all types of trips — medical, social, shopping — inside and outside the municipal boundaries.

Anyone interested in volunteering as a driver can call Linda Berry at the Halton Hills Volunteer Bureau at 877-3219.

People wanting to get on the list of riders should call 877-1211.

## House approved

Town Council approved the construction of a third dwelling on a Ninth Conc. property Monday night. The 139-acre parcel is owned by Gerald Sternberg, who told council he needs to build a residence for himself in order to oversee and assist with his horse operation.

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## TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY AFRICA COMES ALIVE AT BUSCH GARDENS

TAMPA, Fla. -- A landscape of turn-of-the-century Africa quickly comes to life at Busch Gardens. As guests enter the park, a bejeweled snake charmer slithers mysteriously past them in Morocco. Delicate antelope scamper across the grassy Serengeti Plain. And, the bold drums and brassy notes of the Mystic Sheiks of Morocco marching band resound through the air.

Threads of African theming are woven throughout the thrill rides, shows, shopping bazaars, restaurants and animal exhibits at the 300-acre family entertainment park and zoo -- the most popular attraction on Florida's west coast.

This year, guests can enjoy a new dining experience at the Crown Colony House, a hospitality center and full-service restaurant with charming Victorian ambiance. From sampling a tall drink on a wide veranda overlooking the veldt, to an elegant meal in one of five graciously decorated dining rooms, the Crown Colony House offers a unique setting.

Other recently added attractions include "Around the World on Ice," featuring an exotic journey through six countries, elaborate staging and costumes -- all performed on ice in the Moroccan Palace Theatre.

Two furry koalas on loan from the San Diego Zoo along with Dama wallabies and rose-breasted cockatoos continue to delight guests in the park's Bird Gardens. Stanleyville now features the "Tanganyika Tidal Wave," Busch Gardens' newest water adventure. And, in the new Crown Colony area, world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales now make their home in a permanent, Victorian-themed stable.

Other popular favorites await visitors in the park's eight distinctly themed sections.

Morocco's Marrakesh Theatre features "Sounds of the '60s," a historical musical revue complete with Beatles tunes and memorable rhythm and blues numbers. "Listen to a Country Song," a revue of gospel and contemporary country sounds ranging from Patsy Cline to Alabama, alternate with this show in the Marrakesh Theatre.

In Timbuktu, German folk songs and dance are on the menu along with bratwurst, Black Forest cake and other Bavarian fare at the spacious Das Festhaus beer hall.

Baby animals at the Nairobi Field Station animal nursery are cherished by young and old alike. Infants of various species including fragile birds and gazelles are cared for by loving "surrogate mothers" as guests watch modern medicine tenderly applied.

Nairobi is also home to "Nocturnal Mountain," where night creatures display their natural behavior for careful observers, as well as a petting zoo and elephant ride for children.

Close by is a 1.5-acre display where Asian elephants roam a natural environment with huge rock formations, tropical greenery, cascading waterfalls and a swimming hole. As one of the nation's top four zoos, Busch Gardens has successfully propagated many endangered species and won breeding awards for its efforts.

Among the park's collection of over 3,300 animals are the nearly 500 African big game that roam the sweeping Serengeti Plain. An excursion in an air-conditioned monorail, steam locomotive or skyride brings guests closer to Cape buffalo, impala, gazelles, reticulated giraffes and Grevy zebra.

In addition to natural habitat exhibits, animals display their intelligence and beauty in several shows at Busch Gardens. A talented trio of bottle-nosed dolphins and their sea lion pal amaze audiences with songs, dances, flips and jumps in "Dolphins of the Deep." Entertaining and educational components of the "World of Birds" show feature macaws that talk and endangered or threatened raptors in flight. The new Animal Tales live theatre for children brings animal stories drawn from classic myths and live animals to young visitors during summer months.

Thrills also lurk in many of the park's sections. Timbuktu's "Scorpion" coaster races through a single 360-degree loop while white-knuckled passengers scream in anticipation of twists and turns on the relentless 1,200-foot "Python" coaster. The "Python" careens around a 360-degree double spiral at more than 50 miles per hour.

Bubbling white water beckons guests to the Congo, where "Congo River Rapids" takes riders on an unpredictable course past spouting geysers and leaky caves. Other water adventures include the "Stanley Falls" log flume ride and the "Tanganyika Tidal Wave."

Located on Busch Boulevard at 40th Street, two miles east of I-275 and two miles west of I-75, Busch Gardens is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., except during summer and selected holiday periods when hours are extended. The single admission price of \$23.95 includes all rides, shows and attractions. Children 2 years and under are admitted free. Parking is \$2 per vehicle.

Before leaving the park, adults may be interested in a self-guided tour at the Anheuser-Busch brewery and Hospitality House where they can observe various aspects of the brewing process and sample complimentary products.

Located only a quarter mile from Busch Gardens is Adventure Island, a water play park also owned and operated by Busch Entertainment Corporation. Open seasonally from March through October, Adventure Island this year introduces the "Caribbean Corkscrew," a high-speed water thrill ride.



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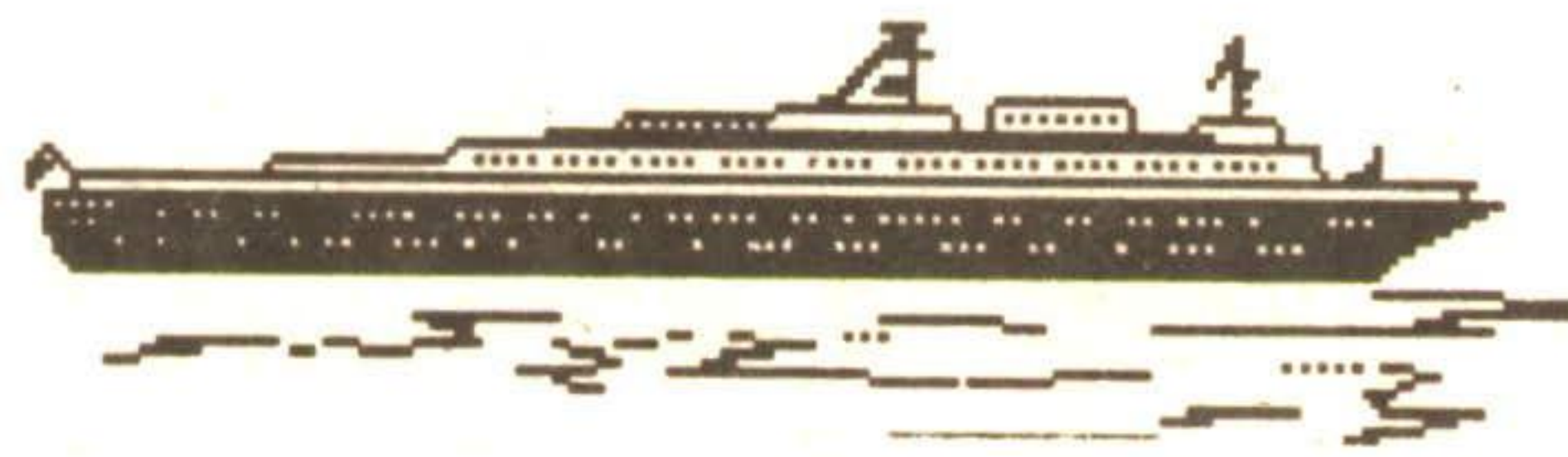
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