

Public Works Week celebrated in Halton

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This week has been designated as Public Works Week in Halton, and to celebrate the event a clean-up campaign will be initiated for the Silver Creek Valley on Thursday.

Due to the fact that Georgetown's Hungry Hollow area has been the focus of much community attention over the last few years, Halton's Public Works staff will be working with members of the Silver Creek Environmental Association to clean up a portion of the area.

Beginning at 10 a.m., the clean-up crew will try to reverse the effects of past abuse and neglect in and around Silver Creek. The crew will start their work in the area of the Georgetown Wastewater Treatment Plant and head west

through the valley.

Open houses are also scheduled at the treatment plant, located at Mountainview Rd. south, and at Georgetown's water purification plant at 241 Maple Ave. They will be held from 10:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday.

Similar open houses are scheduled throughout the region's other treatment facilities during the week, as well as clean-up campaigns, water conservation measures and waste reduction/reuse displays.

This year's theme for Public Works Week is "Quality of Life through Public Works."

Established in 1960, this annual event is geared towards increasing the public's awareness on servicing issues; promoting the work and contributions of such professionals and recognizing outstanding engineers and administrators.



DIANNE VAN DE VALK

Van de Valk pleased with progress

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Wastewise employs one manager, two operators, five part-time students and over 60 volunteers.

In total, 239,620 pounds of paper, clothing, plastics, shoes and other reusables were diverted from landfills, along with an estimated 132,000 pounds of newspapers, books, cans and glass.

It has participated in many community events such as the Georgetown and Acton fall fairs, produced a guide on how to start a resource centre and was the focus of a video by an internationally-based waste reduction advocacy group. In addition, it has assisted six companies in locating markets for their waste, conducted 26 presentations and 41 tours to various community groups and is used by 25 local companies recycling and reusing their waste.

Van de Valk hopes to expand Wastewise by working with Halton Region to reduce waste even further. She is lobbying for a grant in the amount of \$30,000 to establish a one-year contract position, which will: establish and chair a committee to begin a neighborhood program designed to educate people on hazardous household waste, backyard composting and participation with Wastewise; organize volunteer time in a more formal manner; and seek out volunteers with specialized skills to assist Wastewise.

"Wastewise is one step in a long journey toward a sustainable society and we are confident that this centre is heading in the right direction," her report concluded.

Stereo stolen

An aluminum-plated Pioneer under-dash cassette deck, a 40-watt amplifier, two black rear speakers and two small tune up speakers were stolen from a car parked at a Main St. south residence in Georgetown sometime overnight Thursday. The thief sliced a hole in the roof of the convertible to gain entry into the car, police report. Total value of the property is estimated at \$500.

Tools taken

Police report that a Black and Decker electrical hand drill and a bench grinder were stolen from a workshop at the Jack Smythe Field Centre sometime between April 27 and May 6. The tools are worth approximately \$175 in total. Police are investigating.

Office ransacked

A flower shop located on Winston Churchill Blvd. was broken into sometime overnight Tuesday. Police say the front office was ransacked but nothing was removed from the shop.

Scared off

A Georgetown couple narrowly missed having their possessions stolen after a would-be thief was scared away from their home late Wednesday morning. Police say the couple stepped out to go for a

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walk, when a man in his late 20s broke into their home through the rear garage door. Fortunately for the couple, the man was scared off when a visitor appeared at the door. Police are investigating.

Shed, window damaged

Police report that a rock was thrown through a shed window at a Harold St. home in Georgetown early Wednesday morning, then the shed was kicked and damaged. Nothing was removed from the shed. Total damage is estimated at \$175.

Arrest made

Halton Regional police have arrested and charged a Georgetown man in connection with a break-in last month at Ambrosia Chocolates on Ontario St.

The 28-year-old man is charged with break and enter and is scheduled to appear in court June 29.

Police say the man tampered with three storage tanks, which resulted in one of them overflowing, spilling 2,000 gallons of chocolate onto the floor.



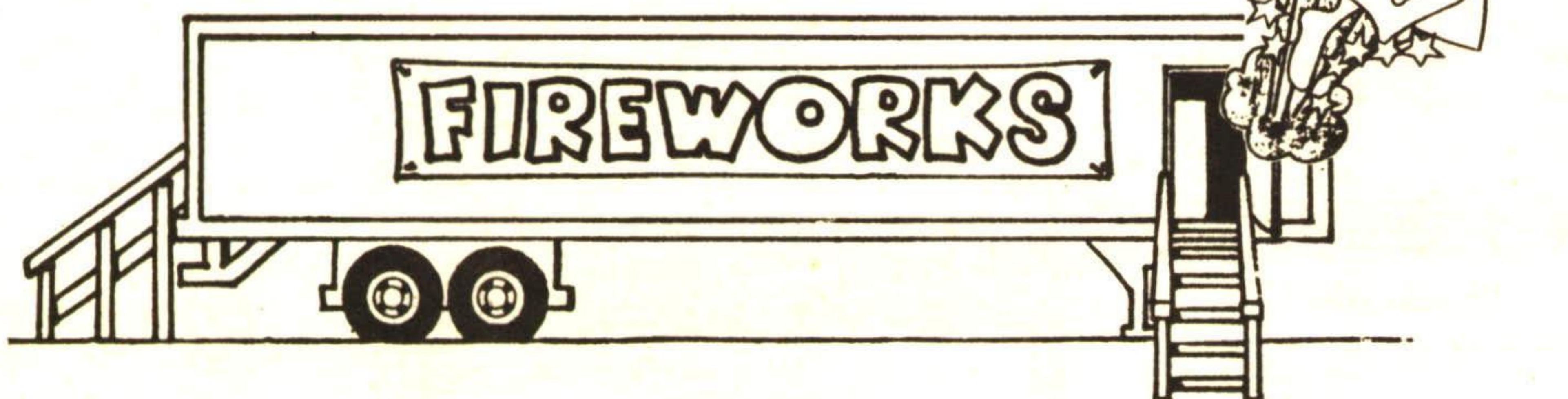
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