

GRAPEVINE

FATHER'S DAY TREE PLANTING

Want to help improve the water quality of Fairy Lake by planting shrubs and trees that will act as a buffer to keep geese away from the shoreline? Come out on Sunday, Father's Day, from 9 a.m. to noon, to help Credit Valley Conservation with its family fun tree planting event. Along with the planting, there will be family crafts, wildlife to check out, demonstrations and a Father's Day treat.

WHERE'S THE BEEF?

At Limehouse Presbyterian Church on Saturday from 5 to 7 p.m., when the church stages its annual Beef on a Bun dinner.

Along with the beef, the menu includes coleslaw, baked beans, desserts and refreshments. For details call Glenda at 905-877-2101. Proceeds will benefit the church.

LOCALLY GROWN

The artwork of Acton residents Howard Campbell and Maggie Atkinson are on display, with the handiwork of other local artists, at the Helson Gallery at the Cultural Centre in Georgetown. The exhibit is titled *Locally Grown: Back to the Landscape*. Campbell's work is *The Intruder*, while Atkinson's acrylic on canvas is called *Back Alley Behind the House of Buddha Restaurant*.



NURTURERS WANTED

Construction is underway on pathways that will lead to raised beds to allow accessible planting at the Acton Community Garden, which, with the nice weather, draws members and volunteers to the Garden each Wednesday at 7 p.m. to plant, weed and plan.

After a successful launch at

last week's the Acton Farmers' Market, the Community Garden Committee has been invited to host a monthly Sprouts Kids Club with crafts and healthy choice fun. Students at Acton's three elementary schools and the library all grew seedlings – approximately 280 plants – which will be shared and planted, with some to be used to fundraise at the Market.

In an appeal to members to weed at any time, and not wait for a scheduled work bee, chief green thumb, Allison reminded people that it is an organic garden which means manual weed control. Allison reported the rhubarb in the bed furthest from Main St. North has "bolted" and needs work, and that the spinach one bed over had re-seeded itself and can be eaten.



READ ON

Don't let your kids lose their reading skills over the summer by not opening a book. Registration begins June 24 for the library's TD Summer Reading Club for Kids, a popular summer program that encourages kids to read with a program of activities and incentives - including a calendar to track their reading and prizes - including \$25 from TD Canada Trust.

FUNK MAMAS

Expect folk, funk, bluegrass and blues music at Acton library on July 5 when the *Funky Mamas*, one of Canada's best-loved kid's bands stages and afternoon concert, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the Acton branch.

For information visit www.hhpl.on.ca or call 519-853-0301.

GIFT OF LIFE

There's still time to book an appointment to give blood at the next Canadian Blood Services clinic at the Acton Legion on June 19, from 5 to 8 p.m. Call 1-888-236-6283.



TANNERS TOPS: Tanner's Pub & Grill owner Andrea Clark (centre) and employee Nicole Walker accepted congratulations on being selected as the Business of the Month by Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce rep. Norm Paget on Tuesday. - Ted Tyler photo

Mayor's Corner

By Rick Bonnette



Building on the Town's award-winning Green Development Evaluation Checklist in April, Council approved a new set of Green Development Standards. These Standards put in place a practical and highly flexible set of criteria that are anticipated to maximize development's many positive attributes while minimizing potentially negative impacts. The Standards apply Town-wide and took effect on June 2.

When appropriately managed, development can result in thriving complete communities and higher quality of life, helping to implement our Community Sustainability Strategy. We look forward to seeing the next generation of high-performance development in Halton Hills that implements our new Standards. More information on the Standards visit <http://haltonhills.ca/initiatives/GreenBuilding-Study.php>

Congratulations are in order to Regional/Acton Councillor Clark Somerville on his acclamation of Second Vice-President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Last year, Councillor Somerville was elected by mayors and councillors from across Canada to be the Third Vice-President of FCM, playing an important role of bringing municipal issues to the Federal level.

Congratulations are also in order for Ward Three Councillor Dave Kentner on being inducted into the Halton Hills Sports Hall of Fame. Councillor

Kentner has been involved in hockey in this town for many years. Congratulations also to Kaitlyn Andrews, Brian Hayward, Timothy Murdock and Dan Ralph, also worthwhile inductees.

Last month, many residents, councillors and I were pleased to officially open the Regan Ridge Bridge in Hungry Hollow. What a great place for a hike, right in our backyard.

The hot weather is now upon us. Make sure to take the little ones to Dominion Seedhouse and Gellert Splashpad in Georgetown, or to the Superior Glove Splash Pad in Acton to cool off.

In a few weeks students will be out of school. Drivers, please be extra diligent and watch out for the little ones. Slow down. I'm still getting complaints about a few drivers not knowing how to navigate the roundabout by Gardiner School.

Congratulations to the following on their recent grand openings:

- La Vita Fine Foods, Georgetown
- A Second Wind, Georgetown
- Country Reflections, Acton

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