



HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL: While last week's heavy snow covered maple syrup buckets on trees on Elmore Drive, one block away, several hardy Hyacinths thought it was spring. — Marie Shadbolt photos

TOWN DIGEST

EMERALD ASH BORER ATTACK

The Town's \$30,000 fight against the thumb-nail size Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) includes search, destroy and inoculate. The exotic wood-boring beetle, native to Asia, is feeding on Ash trees in North America, including infestations in Georgetown and Oakville.

Since July 2008, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency restricted all firewood movement in an out of Halton after EAB was found in Oakville. Two failing Ash trees were removed from Georgetown last year, leading the Town to check and remove affected trees on its property and begin a tree inoculation program using biological insecticide.

In an update to Council, Ted Drewlo, the Manager of Infrastructure Services said Council re-directed \$30,000 during recent budget talks - \$22,500 to remove and replace approximately 40 dead Ash trees, and \$7,500 for the inoculation pilot project.

Drewlo said traps will be set in Ash trees in south Georgetown and Acton to try to detect the Ash Borer before it does its damage, and samples will be collected from branches to check for signs of EAB. Communications with the public would include signs in trees with traps, areas notices with door hangers, information flyers at public counters and on the Town's website.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Halton Hills Premier Gateway – that's the new name for the area formerly known as the 401-407 Gateway Business Park, and the 401 corridor. The rebranding exercise also includes the tag line: "Access business opportunities where the 401 and 407 meet".

The new name is a nod to the soon-to-open Toronto Premiere Outlets centre, on the south side of Steeles Avenue, east of Trafalgar Road, featuring luxury U.S. brands like Coach and Off 5th Saks, a bargain-priced spin-off of Saks 5th Avenue.

HALTON HILLS SENIORS RECREATION CENTRES

415 QUEEN ST. E. ACTON



By Julie Conroy

Fifty-two members attended the Acton Seniors Centre Recreation Centre annual general meeting on Tuesday, March 5 and Bev Jones welcomed everyone and introduced the Town's Director of Recreation and Parks, Terry Alyman.

Terry also represented Mayor Rick Bonnette who had a prior council commitment. He said he felt it was the largest turn out of members he could remember, and how comfortable we looked in the larger space. He thanked the outgoing Board members and extended thanks to all Board members for their work done over the years. Simon Hickson made a brief presentation on year five of the 10 year Strategic Plan.

Wendy Krever, Co-ordinator of the Centre reviewed

the constitution update and discussed what to expect from the CARF accreditation team when they visit the centre in May. She thanked outgoing Board members including Travel Chair Betty Green for her many years on the board, Reception Chair Susanne Blanchet-Haffey for making sure the desk was always covered, even when it meant coming in herself, and Membership Chair Dolores Wright, who she will remember her for her funny jokes at the New Members Tea. There were five Board of Directors positions available to the two year term. Elected to the 2013/2014 term were – Membership Chair: Sylvia Mitchell, Program Chair: Jane McAllister, Reception Chair: Maureen Harvey, Travel Chair: Wilda Tressel and Fundraising Chair: Myra Sartor.

Completing the Board of

Directors are President: Bev Jones, Vice President: Dave Maloney, Past President: Mary Walsma, Secretary: Connie Fix, Treasurer: Pat Frizzell, Social Committee: Real Tetreault, Public Relations: Julie Conroy, Property Committee: Dobbie Frizzell, Security Committee: Bob Bruce.

If you were unable to attend the AGM a copy of the 2012 AGM report is available at the front desk.

Our current membership stands at 293. Members who have not renewed their membership for 2013, or people 55+ who are considering joining, please help us reach 300 members.

The Birthday Tea on Tuesday, March 19 at 1:30 p.m., will celebrate the birthdays of members who were born in either February or March.

The lunch on Friday, March 22 will be ham and scalloped potatoes.

Another date to keep in mind is Tuesday, April 9 at 1:30 p.m., we will feature our Acton Seniors Centre

models wearing the latest in Spring fashions, presented by Alia. This is always a well attended event, as everyone is getting over the winter blues and looking forward to Spring. Tickets are available at the reception desk.

The Town of Halton Hills Active Living Programs Spring Session will start the week of April 1. If you are interested in Tai Chi, Zumba Gold, the very popular Bone Building class, or new this session Get Fit for Active Living – Diabetes. You must register by March 20. There is a poster as you enter the Centre describing each class. A sheet with a description of the four programs is available where you check in for you to read at your leisure. If there is not enough interest, regrettably the class will be cancelled.

At Bid Euchre Thelma Jordan and Ruth Burke each had a mooner.

Ian McAllister's name was drawn for the weekly 50/50 on Friday. He won \$70.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Once again, Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills is calling on YOU, our families, friends and neighbors. With our client numbers growing, the demand for our services are also increasing, leading to an even greater need for volunteers.

Our Residential Campaign during the month of April needs volunteers to canvass door to door.

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