

GRAPEVINE

WEB REFRESH

The "I want to" navigation menu option on the Town's newly re-launched www.haltonhills.ca website is bound to be a hit with users for its direct simplicity.

With an updated look allowing easier navigation with fewer clicks, Mayor Rick Bonnette said the re-launched site allow users to find what they want more quickly. "The latest refresh firmly enhances this valuable community resource through improved accessibility, ease of new and new functionality," Bonnette said, adding new sliding images on the homepage bring "clearer and fresher" content.

P.E.A.C.E. APPLICANTS

Teens aged 15 to 18 interested in experiencing first-hand what its like to be a police officer are invited to check out the P.E.A.C.E. – Police Ethnic and Cultural Education – program offered this fall by the Halton Police Service.

Weekly instruction includes presentations by various units and bureaus within the Service as students learn about cultural awareness and inclusion, equitable service, and educating Canadians and recent immigrants about policing in Canada.

For details about the free P.E.A.C.E. program visit www.haltonpolice.ca

LIBRARY CONTEST

Twelve \$50 gift certificates will be awarded to winners of Ink Writing, the library's annual creative writing and illustration contest, open to kids from Grade four through 12.

Inksters – Grades four through eight – and Inklings – Grades nine through 12 – can enter poetry, short stories or illustrated fiction until Wednesday, July 31.

DANCE, DANCE DANCE

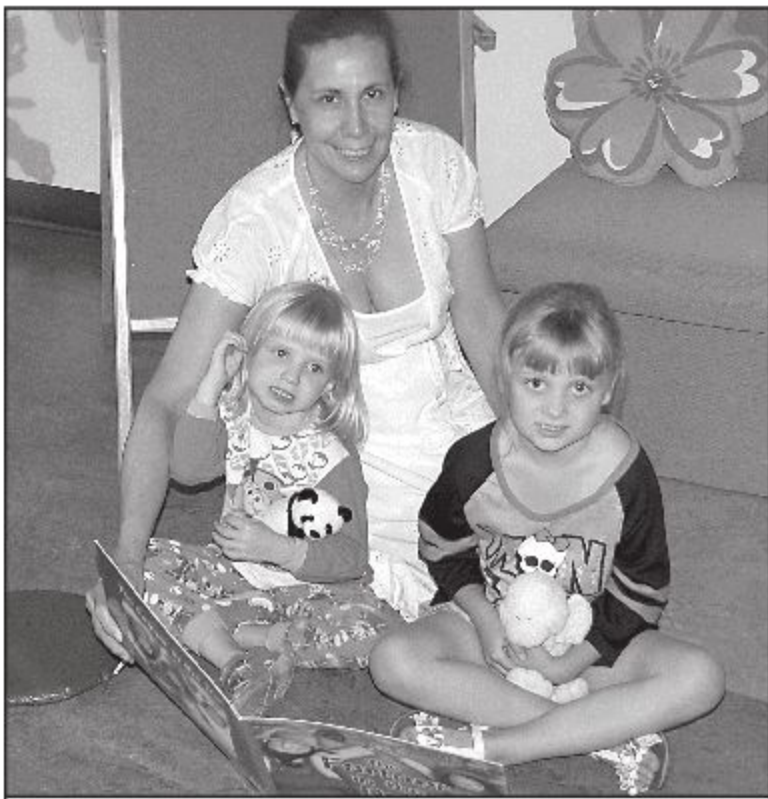
Kids up to six-years-old are invited to bring their brothers, sisters, friends and favourite grown-up to the Acton library branch this Saturday, and again on August 7, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., for a pre-school dance party. No registration is required.

WILLOW PARK BUTTERFLIES

The focus is on butterflies on Sunday afternoon at the Willow Park Ecology Park in Norval, as volunteers showcase the gardens that support butterfly's four-stage life cycle. The Park features wildlife, education programs and recreation at is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



SMOOTH MOVES: Forty-five Yoga in the Park enthusiasts donated \$83 cash and 70-pounds of food during last Thursday's session led by Leanne Monaghan of Staying Alive Fitness and Terry McCann at the Rotary Bandshell in Prospect Park. Tonight (Thursday) the class begins at 7 p.m. – Ted Tyler photos



BOOKS BEFORE BED: The usual attire is comfy pyjamas, and kids of all ages bring their favourite stuffies to the Acton library for Sleepytime Stories on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. Library supervisor Marie Vickery read to Eve, 3, and sister Philisa Jean, 5, of Acton last Thursday. – Ted Tyler photo

LETTERS

Halton Region will deliver 'low' taxes

To the Editor,

Halton Regional Council approved the Budget Directions Report for the preparation of the 2014 Budget and Business Plan. Halton is committed to delivering the 2014 budget based on the priorities of the Citizens' Priorities Action Plan.

Over the past seven years, Halton Region has enjoyed one of the best records in all of Canada for keeping taxes low. We have had an average zero percent tax increase for the past seven years and now staff will work to deliver a budget that meets the citizens' priorities while keeping taxes low. Direction to staff included a maximum tax increase target of 1.5 per cent or less.

The Business Plan will be discussed at the

Budget Review Committee on December 9 and will go to Regional Council on December 11 for final approval.

To view a video on the 2013 Budget and Business Plan visit Chair Carr's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/haltonchair

If you have any Regional concerns or comments you would like to share, please feel free to email me at gary.carr@halton.ca

To receive further updates on Regional issues, please subscribe to my quarterly e-newsletter, "The Carr Report." You can also find me on Twitter @garycarrhalton and on Facebook.

Sincerely,
Gary Carr
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