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Community Calendar

Does your non-profit community organization have an upcoming meeting or event, or do you want to raise your organization's profile? Community Calendar can work for you. Drop by Halton Hills This Week at 232 Guelph St., Georgetown or fax us at 873-3918 with all the information about your event. Remember to include your organization's contact person's name and telephone number. Items will be run free of charge for as long as is appropriate.

Toastmasters Open house

Jan. 18 - Halton Hills Toastmasters will hold an open house at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18 at the Glen Williams Town Hall. Visitors are invited to watch a club speech contest that forms the first part of the Canada Day Contest. Toastmasters international is the world's largest educational organization devoted to public speaking training. For more information contact Ray Blyth at 877-1923.

Surviving parenthood

Jan. 18 — Are you a frazzled parent? The Parenting Today in Our Community Committee is offering a parent information evening at Centennial Middle School from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jan.

18. Eric Balkind, a survivor of four children and 27 years as a Principal with the Halton Board of Education will share practical advice on how to survive as a parent. Please join

Coffee hour

Jan. 20 - Ladies! you are invited to a neighborhood Coffee Hour from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Jan. 20 at the main auditorium, Halton Centennial Manor, Milton. Guest speaker is Mary Ann Dixon. The event is hosted by the Milton Christian Ladies Coffee Hour. Admission is free.

Financial planning seminar

Jan. 20- A free financial planning seminar will be held at the John Elliott Theatre in Georgetown

starting at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20. Sponsored by SunLife of Canada the evening's agenda includes a look at the new RRSP rules, ways to reduces the affect of taxes, and much more. For more information and reservations call 873-7324 (Georgetown), 416-626-3004

Robert Burns dinner

Jan. 23 - Branch 120 of the Royal Canadian Legion is presenting a Robbie Burns Dinner and Dance Saturday, January 23. Tickets are \$10 each and are available from the Legion's bar stewards or by calling 877-4132. Proceeds will support talking books for the blind.

Burns dinner

Jan. 23 — Knox Church, Acton will be hosting a Burns Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday Jan. 23. For ticket information please call 853-2360 or 853-2927.

Family history search

Jan. 24 - The Halton-Peel Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society's regular meeting will be at Chinguacousy Branch Library, lower level, 150 Central Park Dr. Brampton on Jan. 24 at 2 p.m. Visitors are welcome. Speaker is Alan Skeoch, author of Broken Wings, speaking on the Bernardo Children and the Home Children.

Painting exhibit and sale

Jan. 27 - There will be a four week exhibition and sale of original paintings by the Palette and Pencil Club of Georgetown at the Cultural Centre gallery from Monday, January 25 to Monday, Feb. 22. A reception will be held Wednesday, Jan. 27 from 7 to 9 p.m.

A good chimney

The chimney is probably the most important part of your wood burning system - more important than your appliance! Even the most carefully designed and properly installed appliance will not work properly or be safe if it is connected. to an unsuitable chimney.

The chimney is what drives your wood heating system. Hot gases: from the fire rise up the chimney, creating draft. Draft is what draws; air through the appliance and keeps: the fire burning well.

* A good chimney produces draft immediately. It doesn't have to be

* An appliance connected to a good chimney lights and heats up quickly. It doesn't spill out smoke when the door is opened;

* A good chimney has few creosote deposits and is less susceptible to chimney fires;

* Condensation shouldn't form in a good chimney;

What's your best defense against a chimney fire? Proper chimney installation;

* Proper appliance operation using seasoned wood; * Proper chimney maintenance.

For more information on woodstove safety call the Halton Hills Fire Department at 877-1133. For information on woodstove installation call the Municipal Ruildin

Advertorial

IT'S EASY TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE COST OF GOVERNMENT

With your help we can do something about it.

You may have heard about remove one provincially who took over his father's us. Because we are working to improve the way in which the provincial government works, working to reduce taxes, working for fairness. Behind the scenes at Queens Park, the provincial bureaucracy is planning to increase provincial control over Ontario property owners by creating and extending Provincial Commissions.

A provincial commission is a special body appointed by the provincial government, that makes elected municipal governments new layer of government Collingwood. that is not elected, doubles and triples the cost of government, increases the power of the provincial government bureaucracy, operates behind the scenes with little public scrutiny, and creates opportunity for favourtism and patronage.

We have all seen the most conspicuous examples of this type of provincial government device: the Greater Toronto Authority, (GTA), the Niagara Escarpment Commission, (NEC). If nothing is done to stop this trend, the people of southern Ontario will soon have other commissions created by the fertile imagination of senior bureaucrats in Toronto.

You can remove from office any member of a municipal council at the

appointed commissioner, no matter how extravagant, no matter how inefficient, no matter how expensive, no matter how unfair the commission is.

Most of us only get upset when government directly impacts our lives. In August, 1991, 17 people, like you, from different parts of Ontario, found themselves in the same room at a hearing called by such a commission, the NEC. Today, we number over 600 members from the much less effective, adds a Region of Niagara to

> By joining with us, you can increase your own power to protect your right to effective government. Together we can send a powerful message to Bob Rae.

Who are We?

We are the Niagara Escarpment Landowners Coalition, a coalition of landowners from Niagara to lake Huron including John Howard, the owner of a small grape farm and estate winery in Vineland, Scott Chudleigh, apple grower and pie baker in Milton. Stuart Marwick, former professor of Environmental Studies at York University, homeowner in Chatsworth, George Tidd from the Hidden Lake Golf Club in North Burlington, Robert ballot box. You can not Richards, a Toronto doctor for local interests.

farm near Orangeville, Don McIlveen of Scarborough, representing ski clubs throughout Ontario, David and Debbie Pape, homeowners in Campbellville, Kent and Lois McClure, owners of a small rural estate development in Halton Hills and hundreds of people like

How does this relate to dump sites? Your best protection for

example, when the province of Ontario wanted to run an expressway across the escarpment and through Red Hill Creek Valley, the NEC sat quietly on the side. We believe that when the Provincial Government wants something, the provincial agencies will be told what to do by the senior bureaucrats. Strong and South, effective municipal government is the most secure protection for the interest of homeowners throughout Ontario. The hard truth is that Commissions are appointed by provincial cabinet ministers, not elected by o the affected citizens. Local w citizen groups such as our coalition, working with strong municipal governments are the best protection

Where do we stand on the escarpment? From the first day, our Coalition has stood for northern effective protection of the visible escarpment. We have

strongly opposed the activities of the Niagara **Escarpment Commission** because of lack of fairness, lack of accountability, and its application of vague rules.

> Where do we stand on the Bruce Trail?

The Coalition has supportlocal interest comes not ed the partnership between from the provincial govern- landowners and hikers. ment but from elected Many members of the coalimunicipal government. For tion own land across which the trail travels and make the land available to the public freely.

What can you do...

Join us. Membership in the Georgetown Chapter is only \$5.00 per year. Call for more information: 877-5883. Write for more information: NELC, P.O. Box #91511, 47 Main Street Georgetown, Ontario, L7G 5M9.

