

Urgent appeal for Acton United Way

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

Wanted: An enthusiastic, optimistic, dedicated volunteer willing to run the door-to-door residential canvass for the United Way in Acton. Conditions: Long hours during the month of October. Benefits: No pay but the satisfaction of helping the United Way and the Acton community.

Despite appeals, the position of residential chairperson for the Acton canvass remains unfilled and that means the residential campaign is in jeopardy.

"At present we have no residential campaign chairperson for Acton. Without someone at the helm, the fund-raising drive and the United Way services are going to be greatly affected," said Bob Malcolmson, this year's overall United Way campaign chair, in a press release Monday.

While many Acton residents donate to the United Way via payroll deductions, a large number prefer to contribute at the door.

The residential chairperson is the individual responsible for coordinating and distributing kits to area captains and their volunteer door-to-door canvassers.

Acton is divided into five areas: Kingham Road, central Acton, Lakeview, Glenlea and the area north of Highway 7 and east of the railway tracks.

One of the most prominent United Way agencies in Acton is the Acton Social Services and Information centre (ASSIC). Next to the Red Cross, ASSIC is the largest recipient of Halton Hill's United Way funds.

Heavy vehicle parking ban in Acton?

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Halton Hills councillors are considering banning the parking of heavy vehicles and equipment on residential streets in Acton.

The request for a ban came following numerous complaints from Acton residents. The complaints concerned people parking cement mixers, dump trucks and school buses in residential areas.

Acton councillor Norm Elliott raised the issue. He had received complaints from the neighbours of an Acton man who plans to park his dump truck in his driveway on a regular basis.

Elliott said the people are unhappy that there is a bylaw to ban

"A residential campaign in Acton is essential if the United Way is to continue to provide its current level of programs and services," Malcolmson said.

For more information on how you can help the Acton residential campaign by volunteering as a residential chairperson, area captain or door-to-door canvasser, please call the United Way of Halton Hills at 877-3066.

heavy vehicles in residential areas of Georgetown, but not in Acton. He suggested that he would probably win the lottery before the Town got around to consolidating the Acton and Georgetown bylaws and then asked staff to report on the issue.

Councillor Gerald Rennie also noted that he had complaints from Longfield Road residents who didn't want a neighbour to park a school bus in his driveway because they were worried it would affect their property values.

Garth Turner to answer questions

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row (Thursday) and running until Monday, Oct. 19.

During that period revising agents will be sent to missed homes or people can go to the enumeration office at the Acton Legion.

There will be an information session held at St. Joseph's School, Acton on Thursday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 pm. The meeting is being hosted by Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner who will answer questions about the issues involved in the Yes-No vote.

Tax increase may hurt Acton people

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will jump by 300 per cent over the four-year phase-in period.

"The current assessed value of my home is \$55,000. Under this new plan it will be \$154,000. If we decide to sell our house in four years the tax bill will go from under \$2,000 to well over \$6,000, and that's without school board and Town tax increases. I'm going to have to move to Rockwood. When you cross the Town line the taxes drop by half. Who can afford to live in Acton?" Richling said Monday.

Richling said when he complained to the assessment office he was told he could appeal the assessment increase. "Either that or we can move out of Acton. I imagine that a lot of other people, including young families and seniors on fixed incomes, will be in as bad shape as me."

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Bye-bye Bossie

Halton police have issued an all points bulletin for a light brown Charolais cow that jumped out of an Acton farmer's truck on Saturday. Police report Ross Britton was moving the recently purchased cow and its calf to his farm when the cow jumped out of his truck on Highway 7 near 22 Side Road. As calls flooded the police switch board with reported sightings, Britton tried to corral the cow. He did manage to get a rope on it but it bolted and Britton was slightly injured. The cow was last seen heading into a corn field in the Eighth Line- 22 Side Road area. Early Sunday animal control officials tried to find the cow to tranquilize it but the cow had disappeared. The cow, wearing a blue tag on one ear, is worth \$960. Police ask anyone who spots it to call them.

Acid damages Acton car

Eight hundred dollars damage was done to an Acton man's car on Saturday when someone threw an acid-like substance on it. The man told police he left the car parked in the municipal lot at Willow and Church for an hour Saturday evening. When he returned he found the paint damaged by a corrosive substance. Police have no witnesses or suspects.

Garden lights vandalized

A McDonald Boulevard homeowner reports that vandals kicked over his "Moonray" garden lights and flower planters between 8 and 9 pm Saturday night. Damage is \$80. Police have no witnesses or suspects.

Acton fire Hall opening

The official opening ceremony for the new Acton fire hall takes place Saturday, Oct. 17 at 2:30 pm. The state-of-the-art facility has been open for six weeks but the ribbon-cutting ceremony was delayed until the fire department was settled in and all the finishing touches put on the Churchill Road building. Chief Bill Cunningham said Town councillors, local dignitaries and the public are invited to the grand opening.

Grave matter

An Acton woman who complained about the bill for digging a grave site will get a written letter from the town outlining the reason for the \$468.75 cost. The woman, who recently buried her husband, questioned how a few hours digging could be that expensive and was told part of the price was to move the earth digging equipment from Georgetown to Acton. Acton Councillor Norm Elliott asked that a written report be prepared saying taxpayers deserve that kind of information.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I'm going to have to move to Rockwood. When you cross the town line the taxes drop by half. Who can afford to live in Acton?"

Olev Richling, Peel Street, Acton

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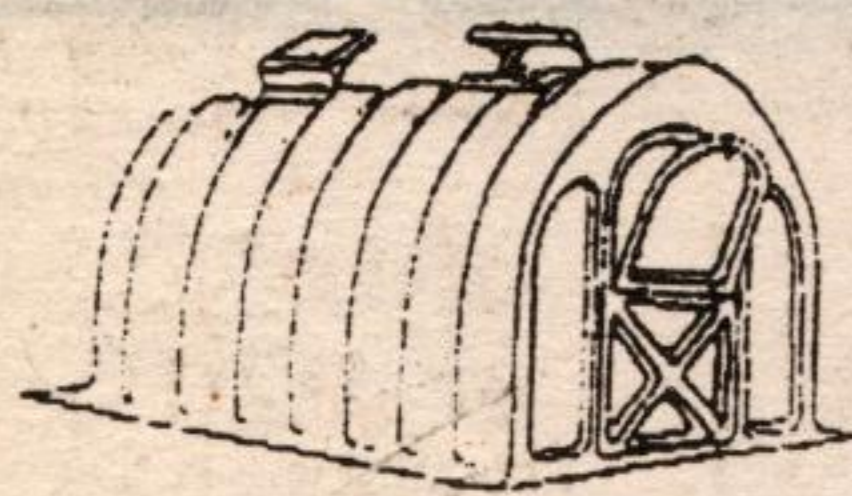
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