

**FUN, FUN, FUN!** Sarah Hobbs, Kris Goodfellow and Greg Socha gear up for a busy summer of youth activity programs with the Town of Halton Hills. (Wendy Long photo)

# Leadership training a step for future

BY WENDY LONG  
The Acton Tanner

Calling all young leaders of the future! This is the last week that Acton youths (ages 13 and 14) can register for the Town of Halton Hills Leaders in Training program.

Interested participants will receive classroom training for four days, from 10 am to 3 pm at Prospect Park, and then voluntarily complete 70 hours of practical work with children in the Town's summer programs.

Those who complete the program will participate in an overnight leadership camp, receive a certificate and attend a graduation ceremony. It may even mean an

opportunity to be an employee of the programs another summer. The fee for the program is \$65.

"I learned to be a leader and not a follower," says Greg Socha, coordinator of summer programs. He has worked for the Town's summer programs for seven years — and it all began with the Leaders in Training program. "I became more mature and confident. After that program I was definitely able to handle any situation that occurs in a camp situation.

"It prepares you for the future, especially now when times are tough. It's good hands-on practical experience in working with children. And it's lots of fun."

Kris Goodfellow and Sarah Hobbs will supervise the leaders of the Acton children's programs this year. Kris will be stationed at McKenzie Smith school while Sarah will be at Prospect Park. They encourage interested students to sign up for the program.

"It's fun," said Kris. "Fun, fun fun!"

In Acton, the classroom sessions will take place July 7, 8, 12 and 13. All days must be attended.

Application forms are available at the Acton Indoor Pool and the Civic Centre in Georgetown. Applicants will be interviewed to determine their suitability for the leadership program.

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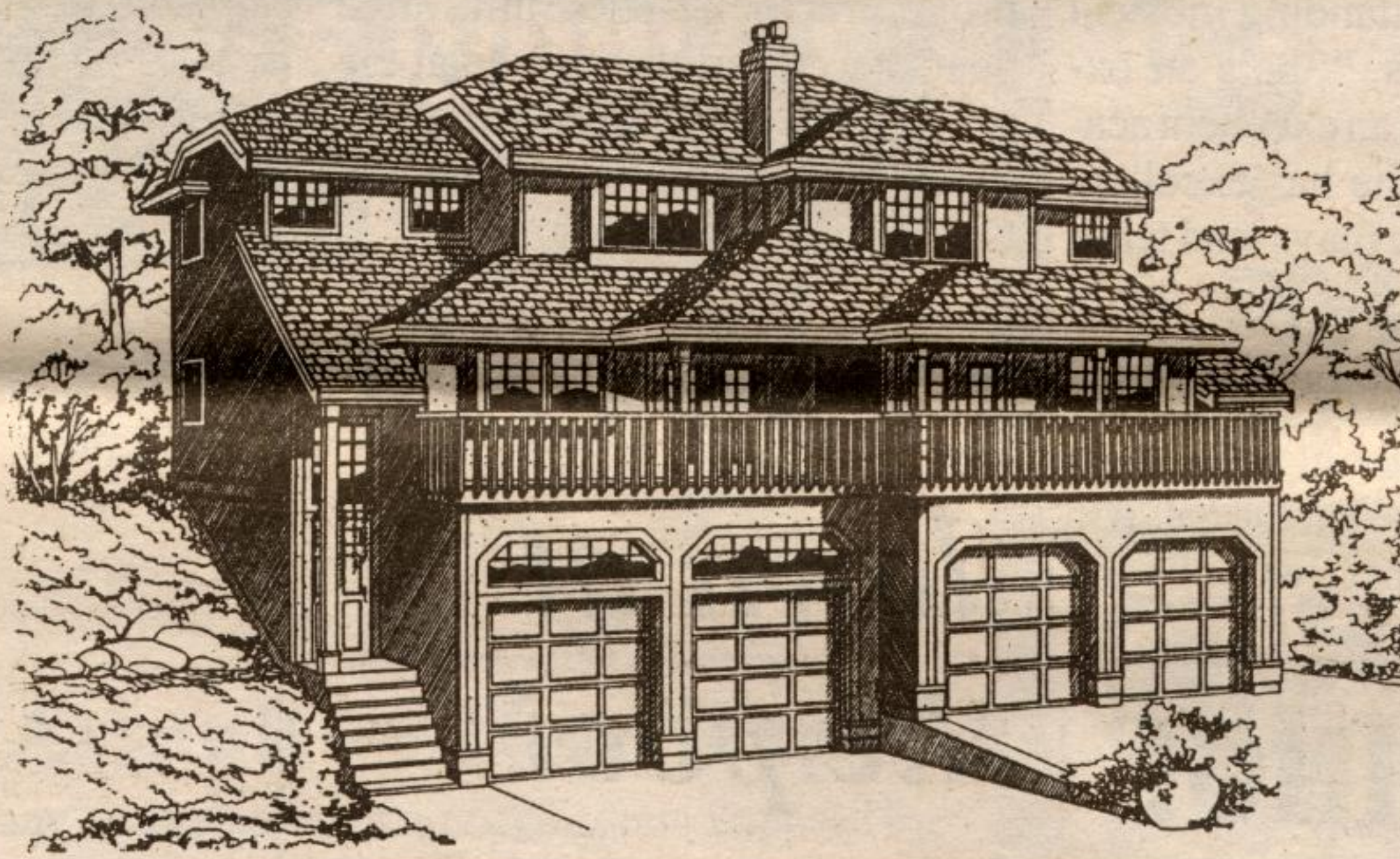
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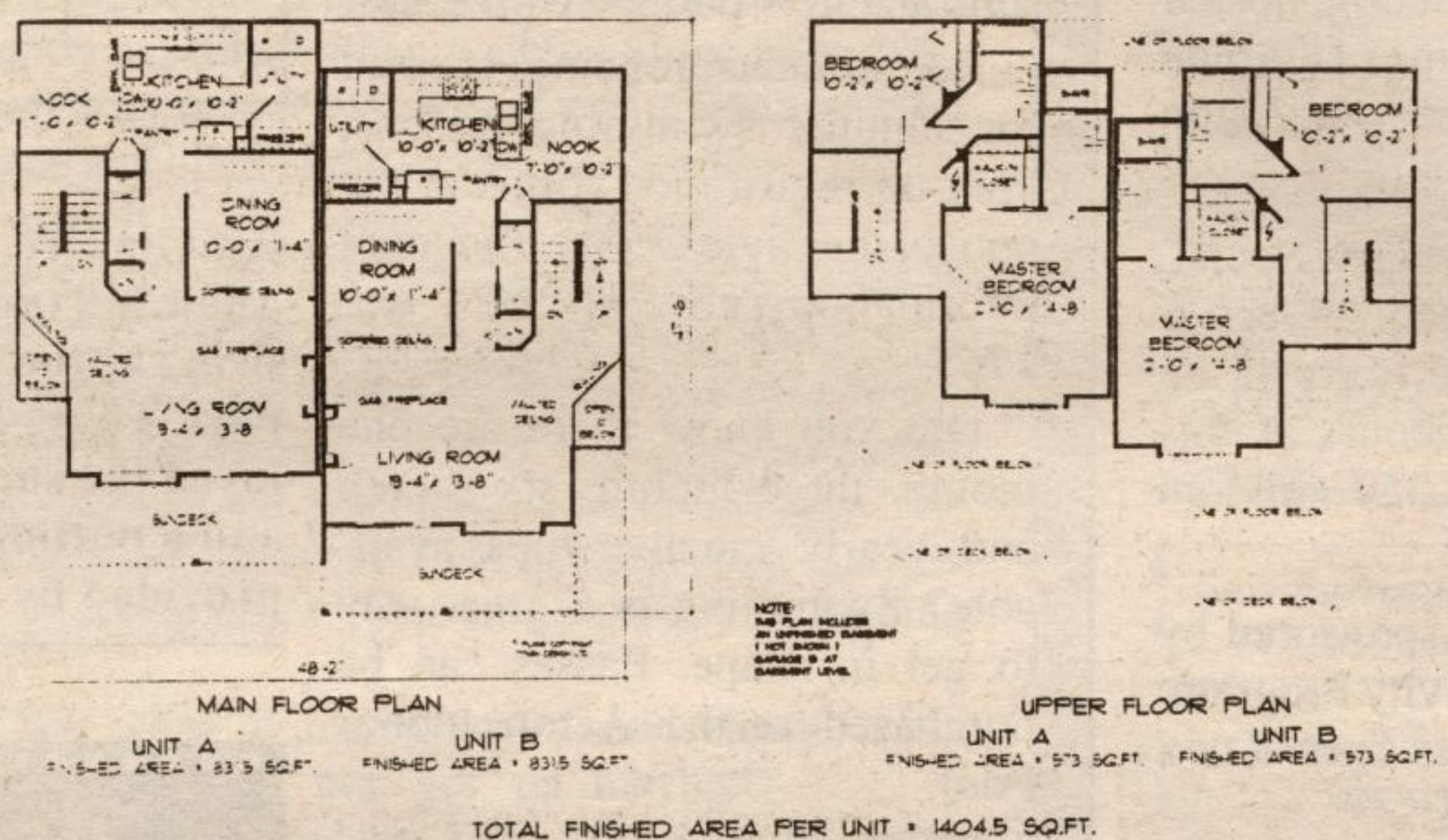
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