

Trees will benefit everyone in town

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Saturday, 100 of these in an unused section of Acton's Fairview cemetery.

"I love trees," said Dave Manes, co-owner of the Acton IGA. "I planted some as a kid and they're all big suckers now."

Manes says the program is good for everyone because trees help to purify the air and people will be more aware of the environment in future if they are planting trees.

"It kind of makes you think that clean air is very important. I've got grandchildren, and I'm sure I'll have great-grandchildren, and this is what life is all about," he said, indicating that protecting the earth for future generations is a great responsibility.

He said IGA will benefit from the publicity, as the town will benefit from the trees, but the program is open to people who may want to get involved.

"Basically we're doing a lot of this stuff from the standpoint of organizing it—we're trying to get the community involved as much as possible."

The boy scouts will begin planting trees when the event is scheduled to begin, at 10 am. Members of the town council and the horticultural society have also been invited along with the general public.

"We hope people will come down, and if they want to plant a tree, come and bring a shovel and plant a tree."

The long-term costs will be minimal according to Manes, who says that the IGA will take care of any maintenance that the tree may initially require. Town council voted on Oct. 5 to support the program.

Manes said the council may elect to transplant the whips to other parts of town when they become saplings. He also indicated that IGA may try to open the program up even further to allow other interested groups and individuals to plant trees in their own neighbourhoods.

Manes says businesses should become involved in the community, but unfortunately many don't have the resources or the support which Acton IGA enjoys. He is quick to point out that most of the credit for Hometown Trees should go to IGA head office and Tree Plan Canada.

But in spite of the humble protest, Manes' IGA is going one step further by offering free coffee and cake at the store after the planting ceremony.

Workshops for volunteers

ASSIC ALERT

A series of workshops are planned for those who volunteer in North Halton. Volunteers are encouraged to come out and meet others from different agencies, enjoy some refreshments and listen to interesting speakers.

On Tuesday, Oct. 26, from 9 to 11:30 am, join Rev. Douglas Hallman in a "To talk AND to listen" workshop for volunteers. Learning good communication, a two-way street, will be focused on and creative conversation and

effective listening skills will be taught. Held in Acton at the Bethel Christian Reform Church, Hwy. 7 and Churchill Road, this event promises to be informative and educational. A great opportunity to learn new skills and meet others.

Are you able to attend? Contact the agency you volunteer with to inquire. A note to all ASSIC volunteers: have you registered to attend? Don't forget to do so by calling Sue at 853-3310. Rides can be arranged for those interested.

Remember that tomorrow (Thursday) a Long Term Care seminar is being held at St. Alban's Church from 2 to 3:30 pm. Speakers from the Victorian Order of Nurses, Halton Helping Hands, Red Cross, Homecare, ASSIC, Placement Co-ordination Services and Long Term Care will be on hand. This event is sponsored by ASSIC's Seniors' Activity Committee and transportation can be arranged. All are invited. For more info drop by ASSIC's office at 19 Willow St. N, or call 853-3310.

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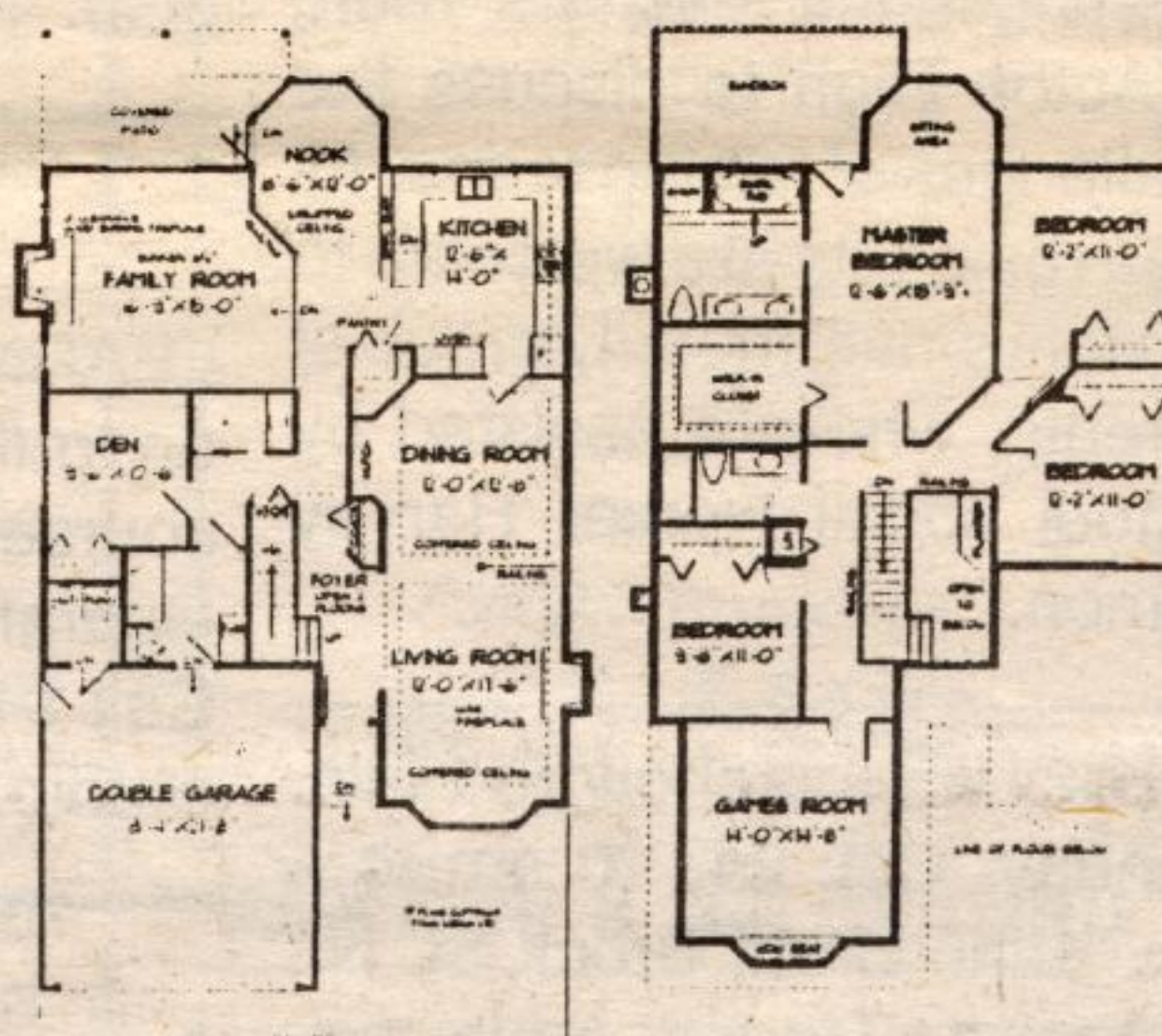
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