

Turning straw into gold

Charity yard sale nets proceeds for Independent Living Halton

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You could call Campbellville resident Jane Parker a good walking advertisement for her community interests. If she doesn't let you know where her charitable heart lies then you can certainly see it on her sleeve. She's wearing a Milton Fair Board vest and on her zany straw cowboy hat there's a pin for the Fair Board that shows you a picture of a cow. On her earrings she's stuck stickers of cows too. It's not hard to figure out that she is a proud volunteer with the Fair Board. She also helps out a lot at St. David's

Presbyterian Church in Campbellville. And then there's the charity yard sale, held twice a year — in June and September — at the home of Cory and Christina Opsteen on the Campbellville Sideroad.

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Jane started volunteering at the charity yard sale about two to three years ago, and she keeps coming back because of the nice people she's met. Helping out at the Opsteens gives her another chance to do something for her community. "I am at a time in my life where it is time to give back to the community. We can't be taking all the time."

On the weekend of September 11 and 12, the Opsteens held their 15th charity yard sale in support of Independent Living Halton, a charitable non-profit organization that supports physically challenged adults. Mrs. Opsteen says the yard sale began in 1995 and since that time up until the 14th sale, they've raised \$16,829 in support of Independent Living Halton.

All proceeds from the event are directed to the non-profit organization which has offices in Milton. Pearl Eirich, who has been a volunteer with Independent Living Halton since its beginnings in 1991, says the organization operates a home in Milton that provides 24-hour attendant care for physically disabled people in Halton. The group also provides attendant care in the home or in the classroom for the physically disabled.

As neighbours, the Opsteens and Mrs. Eirich

decided to team up to raise money for Independent Living Halton by starting a charity yard sale in the 1990s. At their first sale, they raised \$350. That first fundraiser for Independent Living Halton was on a much smaller scale, but the event has grown a lot since then. At first, it was held once a year. Then they decided to hold two yard sales annually.

The Opsteens say that donations of yard sale items can be made year round. They have sufficient storage space on their property to keep items for the sale. If you have anything that you would like to donate, contact the Opsteens at 905-878-3988.



The Opsteens and the Vanderheydens volunteer each year to help run a charity garage sale that raises money for Independent Living Halton. Independent Living Halton is a non-profit charitable organization that works to assist the physically disabled in Halton. Pictured here is Cory Opsteen (left) with his wife Christina and Dina Vanderheyden (second from right) and her husband Bill.



Jane Parker, volunteer extraordinaire, likes to help out at St. David's Presbyterian Church in Campbellville as well as at the Milton Fair Board. She's also a big fan of the Opsteens' charity yard sale. She's helped out at the yard sale for the past two to three years.

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Attention Halton Gardeners!

Fall Compost Give Away

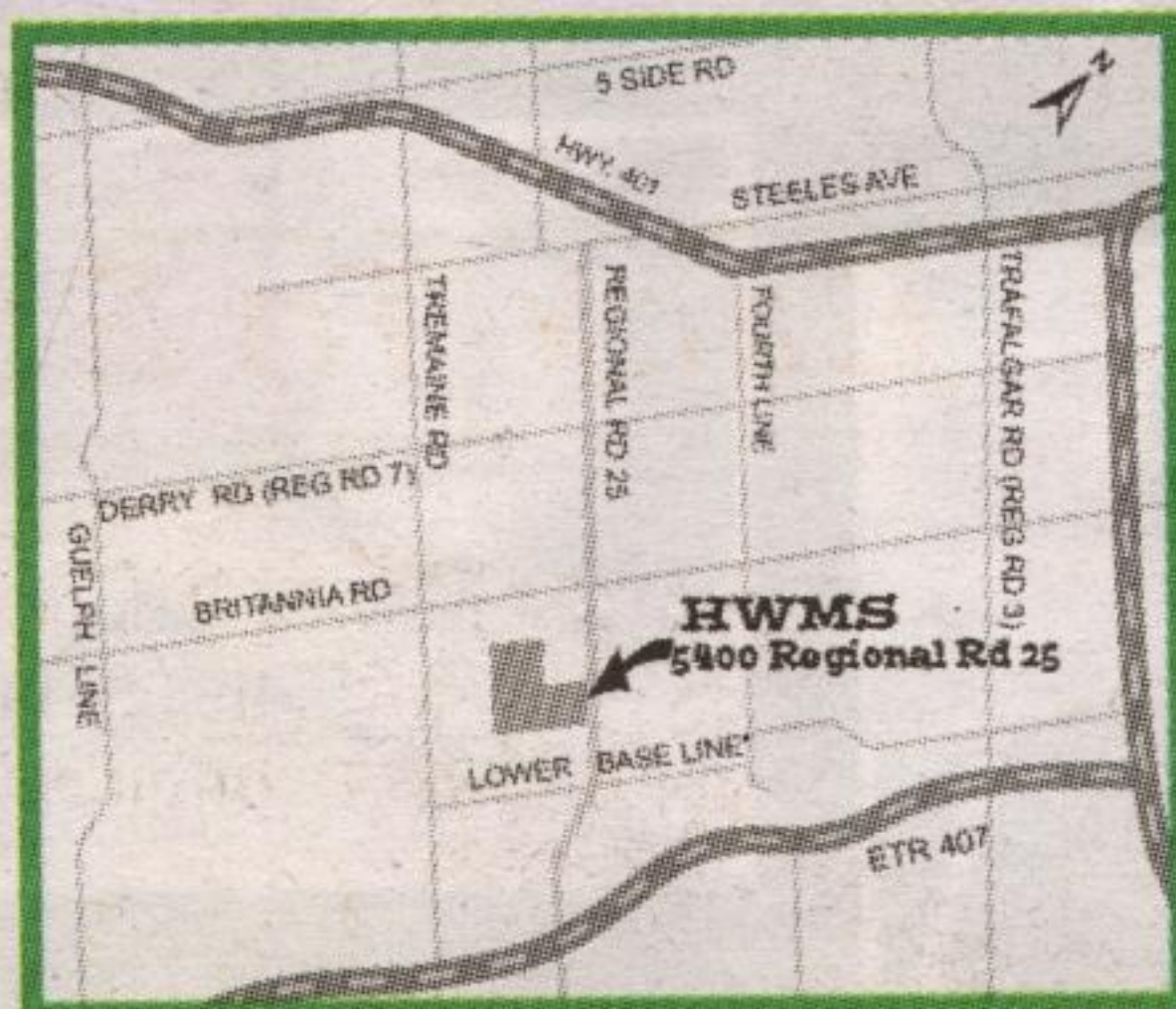
Monday, September 20th - Saturday, September 25th
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

While quantities last

Halton Residents are welcome to collect rich, garden friendly compost produced through Halton's centralized composting program.

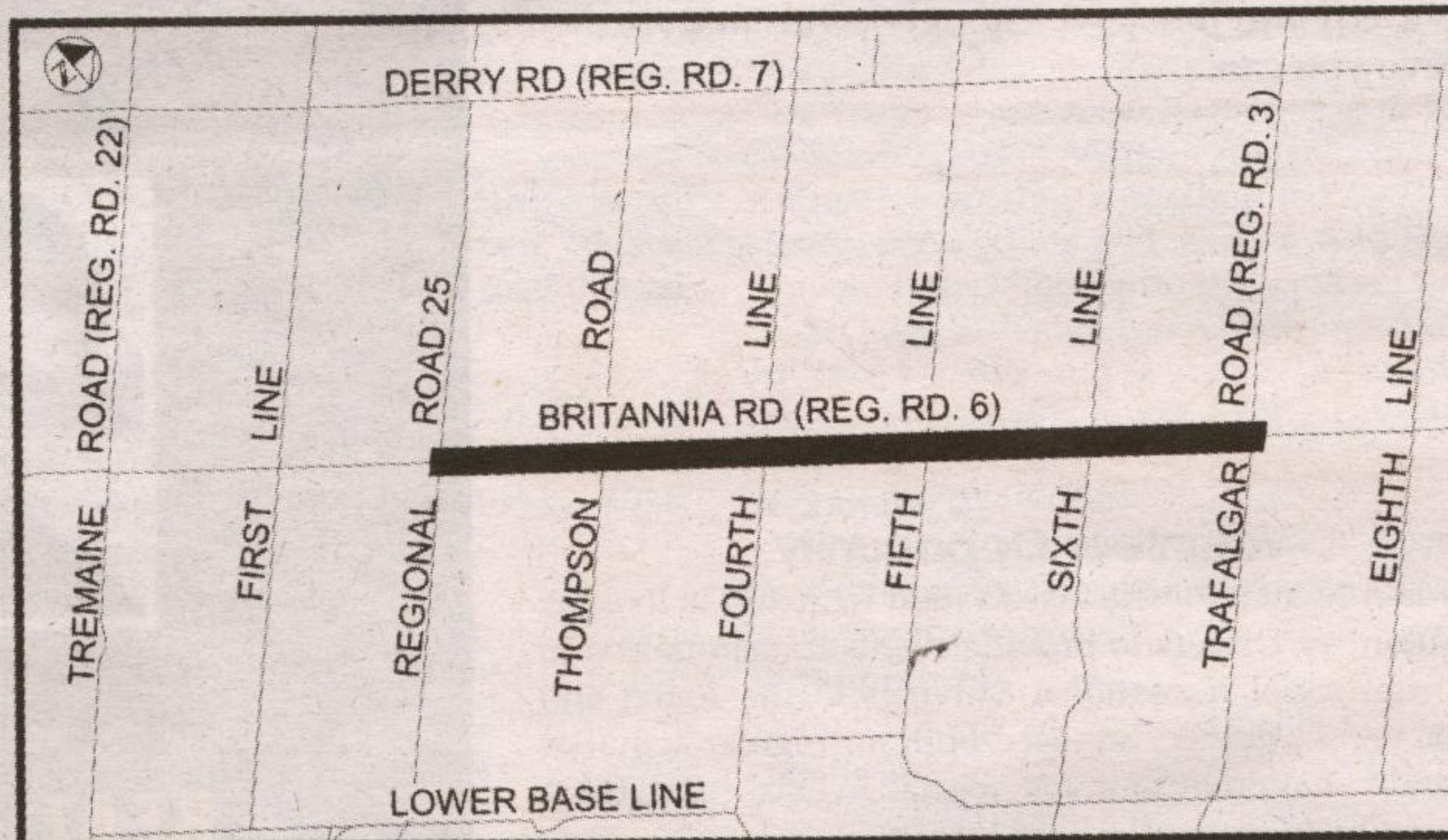
- All Halton households can collect a maximum of seven bags of compost.
- Residents are responsible for shovelling and bagging their own compost.
- Please bring your own bags/containers and shovel.
- Donations of non-perishable food items or cash will also be gratefully accepted on behalf of Halton area food banks.

Halton Waste Management Site,
5400 Regional Rd. 25, Milton



NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

ROAD RESURFACING
ON BRITANNIA ROAD (REG. ROAD 6) FROM
TRAFALGAR ROAD (REG. ROAD 3) TO
REGIONAL ROAD 25,
TOWN OF MILTON



CONTRACT NUMBER:
SCHEDULED START DATE:
SCHEDULED COMPLETION DATE:
CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR:

R-2294-04
SEPTEMBER, 2004
NOVEMBER, 2004
BRENT HAMMOND
EXT. 7609

House Cleaning? We Can Help!

Bring your reusable clothing and household items to the Salvation Army Depot at Halton's Waste Management Site.



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