



**The United Way of Milton invites you to attend
The Annual General Meeting**
Monday, June 27th, 2005 7:00 p.m.
Waldie Blacksmith Shop: 16 James Street, Milton

Business to be conducted:
Audited financial statements / Elections to the Board of Directors
Bylaw amendments / Awards of appreciation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor of the Halton Compass.

Re Greens opposed to greens, May 20, 2005

A Public Meeting was held Monday, May 16, at Town Hall re two golf course proposals. I would like to address the "scathing" and "biting" remarks your reporter has attributed to me. First, why would I inflame an already inflamed audience by making "scathing" and "biting" comments? I'm not suicidal for one thing and I would never insult people by speaking like that.

Secondly, Ms. Ward claimed that "few of the concerns aired by residents impressed me". Had Ms. Ward bothered to ask, I would have told her that all concerns expressed by residents concern me. I record all comments and do my best to get answers.

Finally, a direct mis-quote. Golf courses tend to be painted as indiscriminate chemical users. I asked one speaker if he was aware that farmers purchase 95% of chemicals, golf courses - 2%.

I did not say the agriculture industry uses more chemical than golf courses - I said "more is used on residential properties than a golf course per equal measure. These are two different statements introduced only to show golf courses aren't the sole user of chemicals.

I would never target farmers: the bottom line is that farmers and golf course owners have everything to lose and nothing to gain by indiscriminate chemical use.

I realize reporters can put their own spin on what they write, but Ms. Ward's comments are unfair to say the least - especially to those who were not in attendance.

Jan Mowbray
Councillor - Ward 3, Milton

Dear Editor,

Re: Wolf or Coyote?

A few years ago, I attended a "coyote evening" at the Royal Botanical Gardens, and found out some fascinating facts about our local coyotes, which differs in many respects from coyotes in other regions. Our coyotes are the result of a northward migration over the past century by the socially solitary coyote of the southern United States. When these solitary hunters moved into southern Ontario some years ago, they crossed into the southern range of the "timber wolf", a subspecies of Arctic wolf once common in this area. The coyotes interbred with the wolves, resulting in a canine that combined the best of both breeds—a coyote that is smaller and nimbler than a wolf but larger and heavier than its American cousin. Most interestingly, these coyotes now run in packs like wolves. These animals also inherited the coyote's urban "street smarts". While timber wolves common to rural farmland and forest were completely extirpated in southern Ontario a generation ago by farmers' poison, hunting and trapping, these packs of coyotes live close to town and city, displaying an almost unnatural intelligence about how to avoid traps, poison and hunters.

In the current debate over whether a large canine spotted recently in Halton was a wolf or coyote, both sides of this debate may be correct.

Alan Brown
Burlington

OK guys, please let's make this the last letter on this subject.
Editor



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Volunteer Opportunity - Committee Vacancy
Applications are now being accepted for one appointment to the **Community Services Advisory Committee.**

The Community Services Advisory Committee was established by Milton Council in accordance with By-law No. 18-98, to provide a forum for public input and consultation on a broad range of programs and services delivered by the Town of Milton. The mandate of the C.S.A.C. is an advisory and consultative one, providing input to Milton Council on issues that are of a "community service" with respect to the program areas of Community Services, Fire and Transit. Appointments to this Committee are for a term concurrent with Milton Council (Expiring November 30, 2006).

Qualified applicant(s) must be a resident of Milton, or an owner or tenant of land in the municipality, or the spouse of such an owner or tenant, or employee(s) of a business located in the municipality or student(s) attending a school located in the Town of Milton and must be a minimum of eighteen years of age on the date of appointment.

Application forms are available from www.milton.ca or from the Clerk's Division, Town of Milton, 43 Brown Street, Milton, Ontario between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and will be accepted until **June 17, 2005 at 4:30 p.m.** In accordance with the Freedom of Information and Privacy legislation, applicant information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act and will be used strictly for volunteer candidate selection. Only qualified applicants will be contacted. T. McHarg, Town Clerk.

Contact for Inquiries: Karen Kettle - C.S.A.C. Secretary - 905-878-7252 ext. #2187 or karen.kettle@milton.ca

Contact for application information: Shelly van Empel - 905-878-7252 ext. #2131 or shelly.vanempel@milton.ca

Dear Sir:

I wish to congratulate the volunteers, participants and members of the Milton Arts Council. Last Saturday's Milton Arts Festival, gave us something new of which to be proud. I was really impressed with the wide range of performances and activities provided. It was wonderful to see the children have a venue in which to perform, with an appreciative audience. The musical groups, Pipe Band and other performers, all were professional and skilled in their presentations. It was a pleasure to attend!

It was a fabulous experience... I hope next year more people will come and enjoy the talents of our local Artisans, performers and restaurateurs.

Gratefully, Lorene Eisenhofer

Dear Editor:

Thank you for publishing the beautifully written story about my induction into the University of Toronto Sports Hall of Fame. It is a thrill to be able to share my good news with friends and members of my community through your paper. For the

record, I was the Second Alternate for the 1980 Olympic Team, having finished 5th in the 10M Platform event at the Olympic Trials. Now, how many spare copies of the paper did you say I could have...?

Stephanie Kimmerer
Moffat

Letter to Sean James, Halton Compass "Giving You The Dirt" columnist

Hello Sean,

After reading your article in the May 6 issue of The Compass, I would like to take issue with your comments on the drought tolerance of hostas. Others in the Ontario Hosta Society were also surprised by your statement. I'm sure Larry Davidson and Keith Squires would concur.

They are not "excellent". In fact they are intolerant, as in their native Japan, China, and Korea they get up to 60 inches of water per year. In my experience of growing hostas in up to 100% shade, I find they languish and diminish to the point of no return after only a few seasons. Quite simply, without extra water, they die.

The blue leaf is no deterrent either. It may take a bit longer, but ultimately these will also succumb. The "blue" is merely on the surface and in sun will melt off most and you will be left with a green leaf. Usually blues have better substance, but without water... same result.

Great Expectations will look like a totally different plant if grown in shade as opposed to growing in full sun. It will only exhibit two colours, green and blue, and not the additional gold and white as seen in those in sun. And in sun they will also suffer without extra water. Paul's Glory also will only show its spectacular colour in light, not shade.

There are many that do well in full sun - golds, fragrant types, - but again if you expect them to flourish and not melt out they will have to be watered.

I hope that you will correct the perception that hostas are drought tolerant. They are shade tolerant. I have been collecting and growing for fourteen years in a wooded area and have often lost hostas where I ignored their water needs. I still have about 850 different cultivars so I know I treat most

of them well, but water is the secret.

Bob Le...

Georgetown

Past President, Ontario Hosta Society

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