



# The Regional Municipality of Halton



**NEW**

## GreenCart Demonstration Program



**What:** The GreenCart is like a Blue Box for your kitchen scraps. Kitchen scraps (including meat and bones), paper towels, coffee grounds and more will now be collected at the curb in the GreenCart, instead of in a regular garbage bag.

**Who:** Five neighbourhoods across Halton Region are participating in the GreenCart demonstration program.

Date	What's Happening
September 6, 2005	Cart Delivery Starts*
September 12, 2005	Oakville Open House (Iroquois Ridge Rec. Centre, 1051 Glenashton Dr.)
September 14, 2005	Milton Open House (Halton Region Museum, Kelso Conservation Area)
September 20, 2005	Halton Hills Open House (Salvation Army, 271 Mountainview Rd. S.)
September 21, 2005	Burlington Ward 6 Open House (Tansley Woods Centre, 1996 Itabashi Way)
September 22, 2005	Burlington Ward 1 Open House (Royal Botanical Gdns., 680 Plains Rd. W.)
October 3, 2005	GreenCart Collection Begins**

\* This includes delivery of a curbside GreenCart, a smaller Kitchen Catcher for inside the house and an information package to get you started.

\*\* GreenCart collection will occur every week on the same day as your regular garbage collection.

**All residents within the demonstration areas can expect to receive their GreenCart, Kitchen Catcher and information package between September 6 and September 15, 2005. If you do not receive a cart during this time, please contact us.**

The demonstration program will be evaluated during the first year of collection and processing, and will help us to develop the GreenCart program for the entire Region.

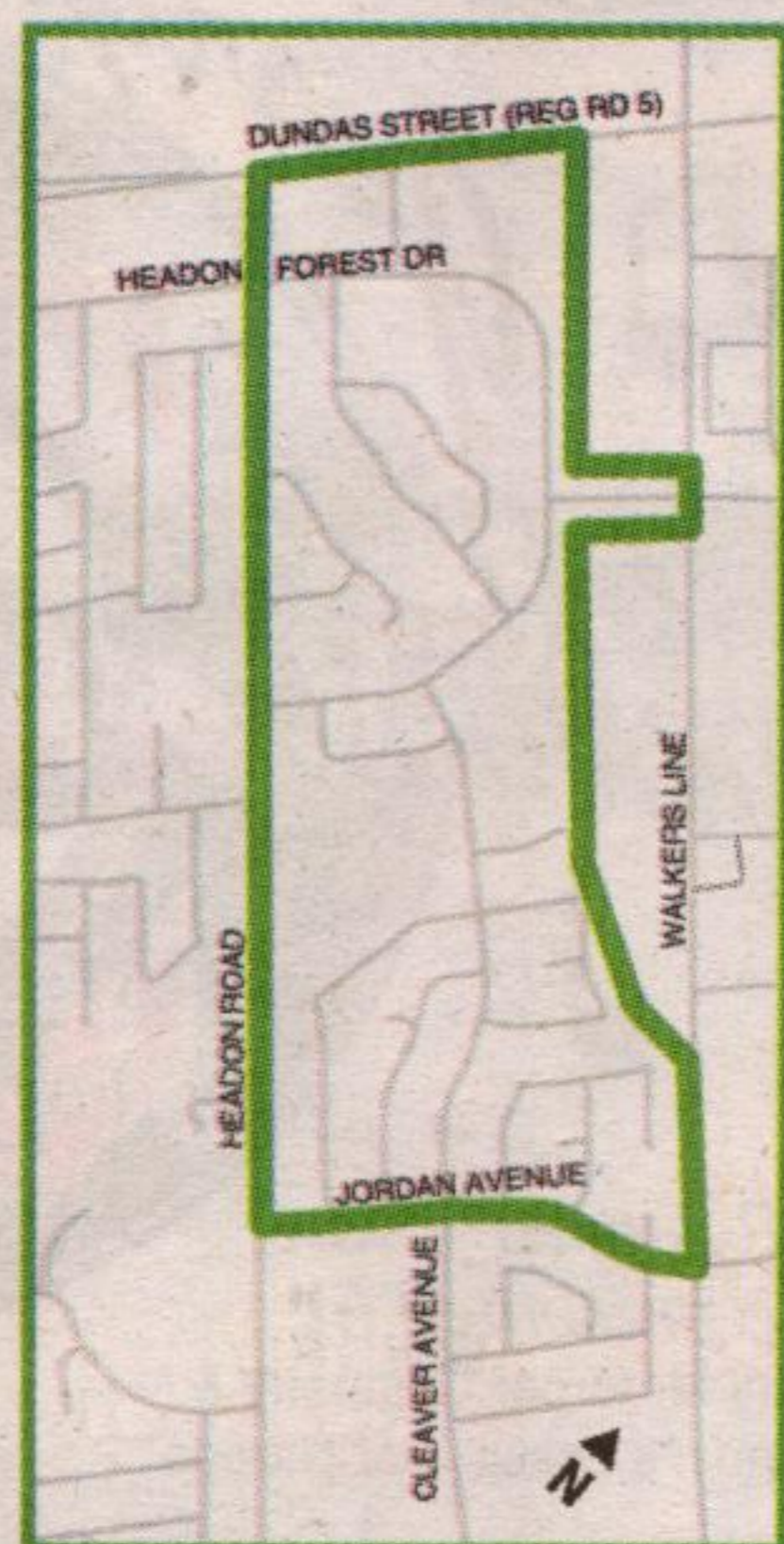
**Why:** Around 45% of the average garbage bag in Halton is made up of food scraps and other organic material that could be turned into compost. We need to get this material out of the garbage to help extend the lifespan of our landfill, so it can keep working for Halton residents for years to come.

**Questions? Comments? Give us a call.**

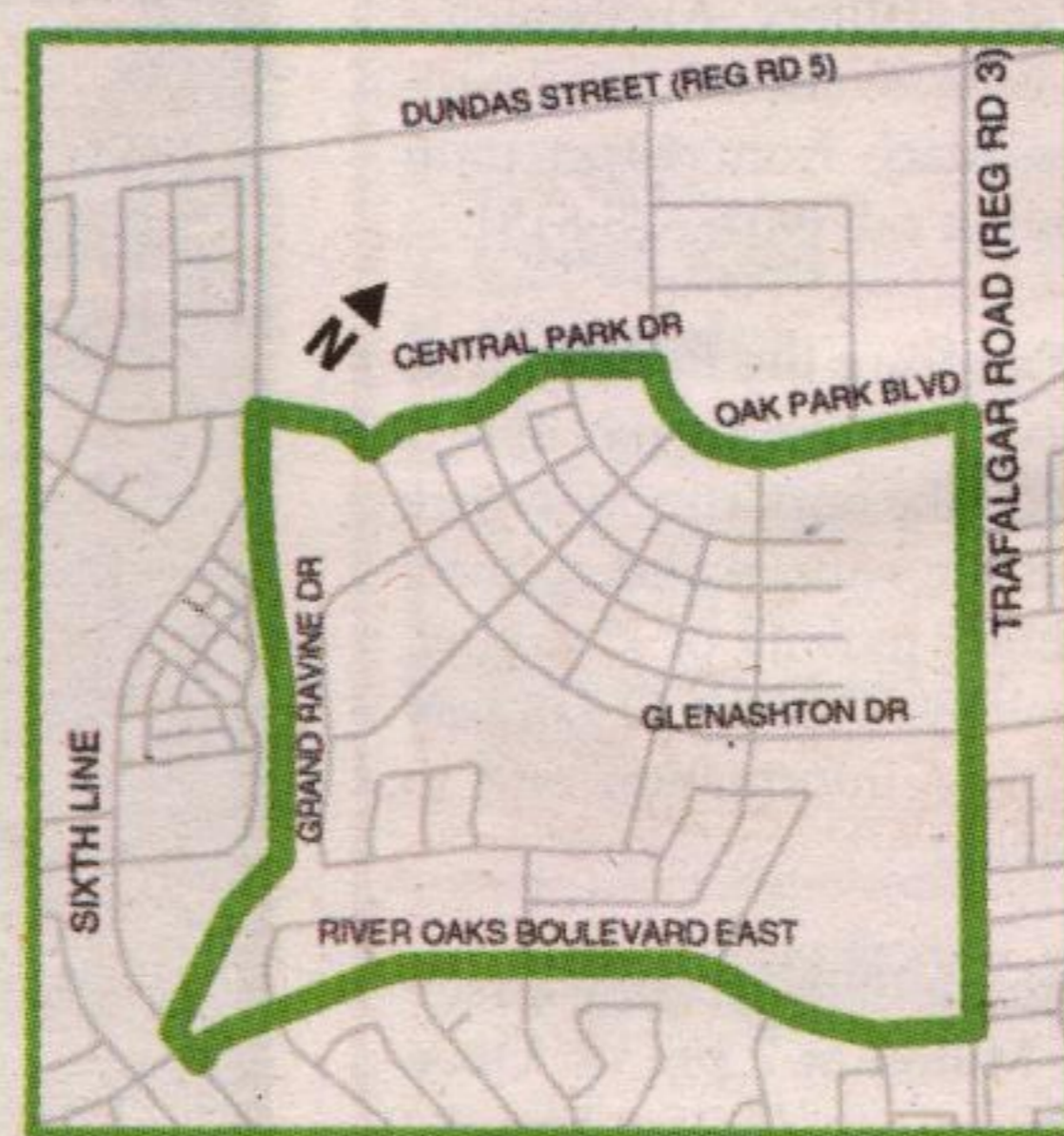
### Demonstration Program Areas



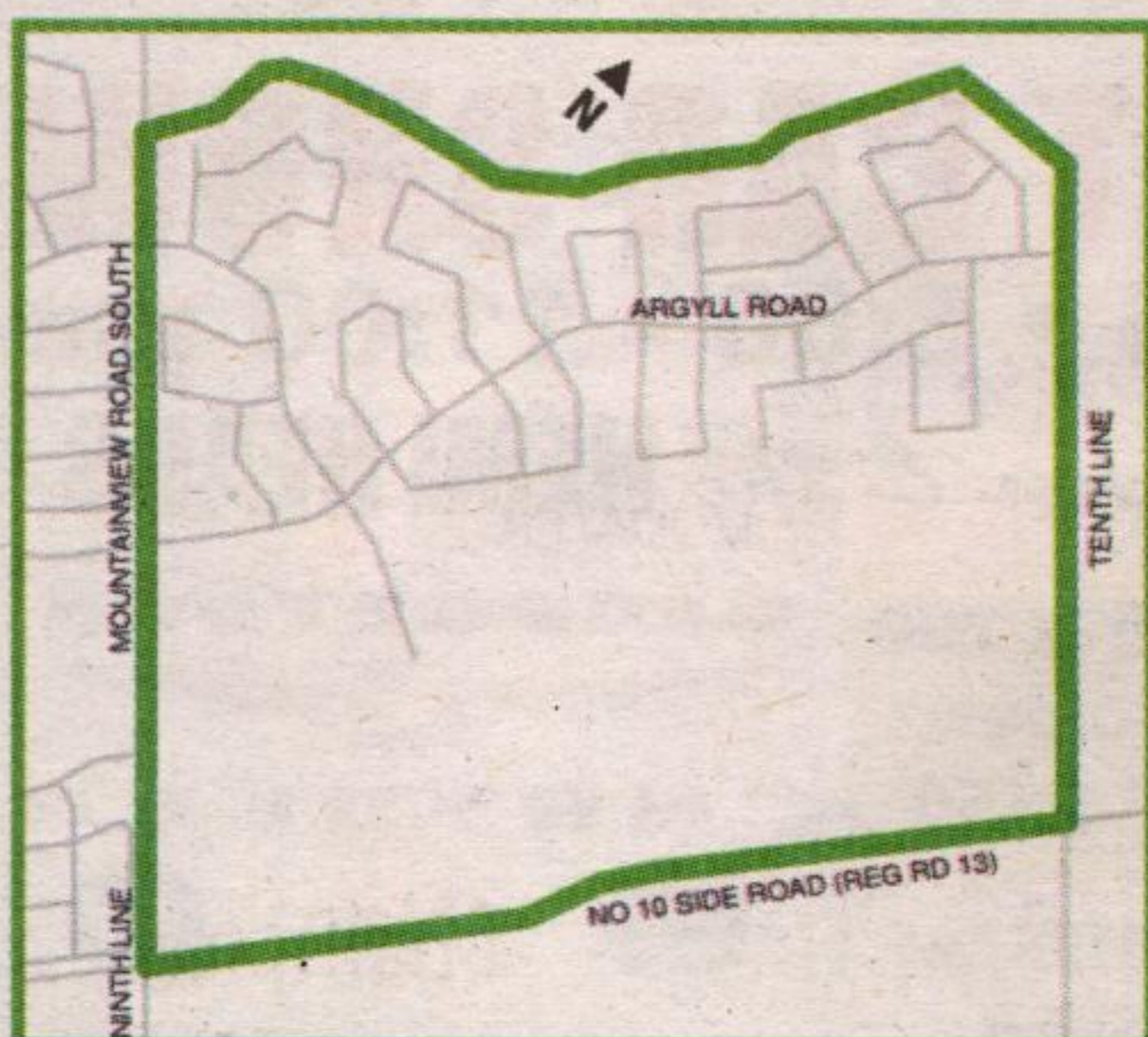
Rural Milton Tuesday



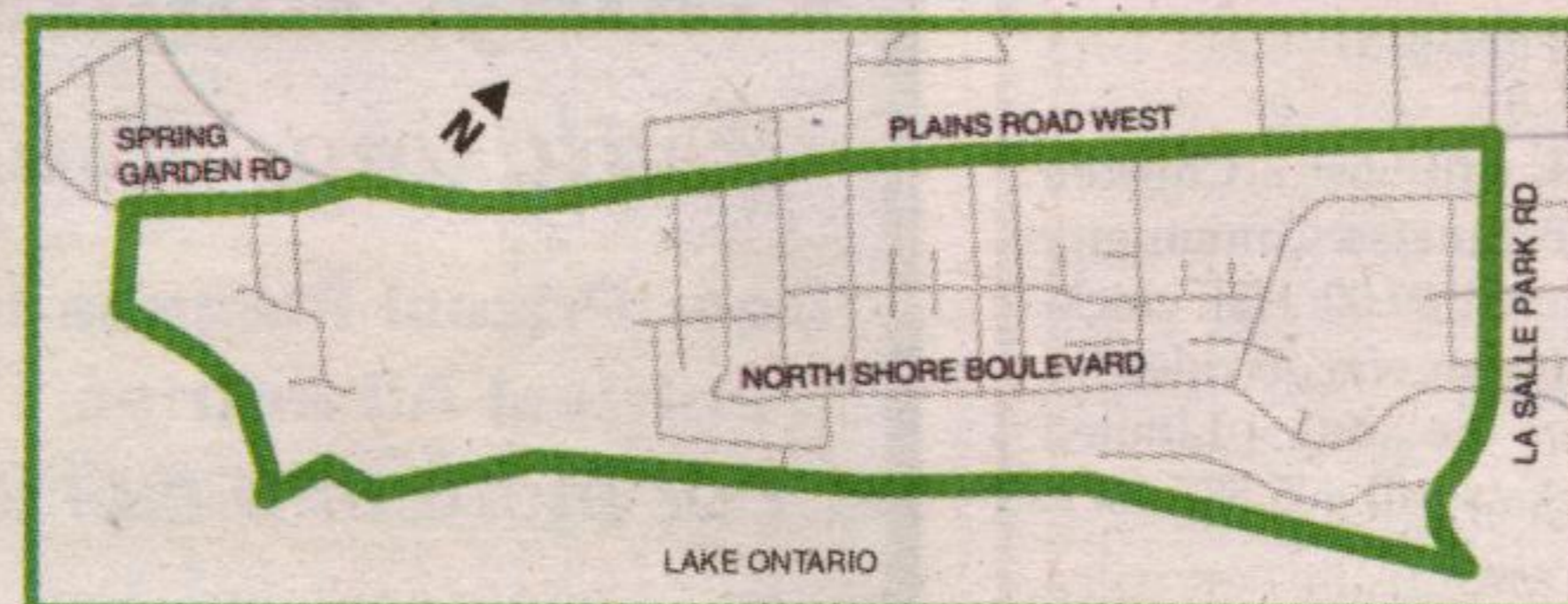
Burlington Thursday D



Oakville Friday D



Georgetown Wednesday B



Burlington Monday A

## Saving the Greenstuff; the planet and your wallet

STORY AND PHOTOS BY ANN KORNUA

Hot weather makes us sticky with perspiration, short tempered and sleep deprived. We need to stay cool, but how do we save both money and the environment? In the quest to stay cool we put a strain on the Grid, which in turn burns fossil fuels like coal, oil and natural gas, adding stress to the environment. Last Saturday we asked people at Milton's Farmers Market for ways that they cut back on their energy bills and stay cool.

Charles Somerton, a Milton resident quipped, "I play golf and get outside as much as I can and just enjoy the good weather. Plus when I am on the golf cart, the wind is quite refreshing."

Betty Somerton, his wife commented, "I don't turn on my A/C and I go for walks around the Milton Mall. It's free, and a fun way to stay cool, and check out the stores and shop."

Lynn Franklin of the Canadian Federation of University Women, Milton Chapter said, "I have a cosy space in the basement where I retire with a good book to read when it gets too hot in the house. I also save money on my hydro bill by doing my laundry wash after 10pm at night."

Christine Law from Designs by Law, a florist from Waterdown; "I dress lightly in cottons, but I am used to the heat since I work in a green house. I can take the heat longer than most people. For my kids, though, I try to keep them cool as possible by making sure they are dressed right and play safe in the heat."

Most of the solutions offered were to get outside since sitting in a hot sticky house is only going to make the heat seem more intolerable. Other heat beating methods include drinking lots of water to cool the body and to keep it from dehydrating, staying in the shade and out of the sun during peak heat hours (11am to 2pm), and taking advantage of public pools. In addition, keeping the blinds pulled closed on windows during the day will keep the sun from heating up the house and opening them back up after the sun sets will help.



Christine Law from Designs by Law.



Charles and Betty Somerton.



Margaret Gray with Lynn Franklin of the Canadian Federation of University Women.

The Friends of the Halton Hills Library presents an evening with

### Robert Bateman

"Thinking Like a Mountain"

A stimulating presentation & book signing at 7 PM on Saturday, September 3rd, 2005, at the John Elliott Theatre, Halton Hills Cultural Centre, 9 Church Street, Georgetown, Ontario.

Tickets available for **\$25.00 each** at both branches of your Halton Hills Public Library.

For information, please call Dave Cox at (905) 877-7874