

Chill Out helps needy...

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home to Wellington the plight some children (and parents) face along with the awkward position for the schools.

A friend involved with Chill Out told Wellington about the program and he determined to bring it to Halton schools. While Dusty Papke, Superin-

tendent of Education for the Halton Board of Education supports the idea, he wouldn't mandate involvement for Halton schools, Wellington says. Wellington has talked to principals at various schools but has found only two interested in the program. One is Don Warren, principal of

Robert Little. The other is the principal of Georgetown's George Kennedy School which Wellington's son attends.

Donated clothes are taken to Toronto for sorting Wellington says, then appropriate items are sent back on request, thus eliminating the likelihood of a child getting a classmate's used clothes.

The program, begun nine years ago in Toronto, is the brainchild of a homeless man who managed to re-establish himself. While Wellington became involved because of his own interest in children, Chill Out also offers help to adults.

Their Dress for Success Program aims to provide clothes to adults needing something appropriate for job interviews, for instance.

People may have clothes they can ordinarily get by with, but then if they're lucky enough to land a job interview they've got a problem, Wellington points out. Then they need something a little smarter for that interview. But where do they get the money to buy those clothes?

Dress for Success provides those clothes. But it isn't a cheap way to outfit just anyone, he stresses. People can't walk in off the street. They can only get access through their local social services office. The agencies make an appointment for the person needing the clothes and - if necessary - orders clothing in the appropriate size from the storage centre in Toronto. These items will then be sent to the local Dress for Success office.



MSB LAND SAVERS: Acton's Community Champions for September are Roz Edwards (left) and Cathy Verbeek). - Frances Niblock photo

MBS activists new champs

Two determined Acton women, Cathy Verbeek and Roz Edwards, who mobilized a community to fight against the sale of surplus school property at McKenzie-Smith Bennett School, have been honoured for their efforts with Community Champion awards.

The program highlights people in the community who have demonstrated, through

a word or deed, an act of good will, that has made Acton a nicer place to live.

Verbeek and Edwards were praised by their nominator for marshalling a successful campaign to save the MSB land through a 2,800-name petition, delegations to the Halton District School Board and letters to the editor.

Both women will receive a Community Champion pin, a

certificate from the Mayor and coupons for lunch.

Nomination forms can be picked up from the Acton arena, Library, HHCSI office or police station on Mill Street.

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No bail
A 16-year-old Acton male remains in custody after being denied bail in connection with a break in on July 27 at Jug City on Mill Street.

The Young Offender was arrested September 11 and charged with break and enter and breach of probation. A side door window was smashed in the early morning break in and 16 packages of cigarettes, worth \$64, were stolen.

The teen is back in a Milton court October 24.

Drug charge
A 29-year-old Markdale man, employed by the amuse-

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ment company with rides and concessions at the Fall Fair, was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance on September 11, after being questioned by police at the corner of Main and Willow Streets.

Police arrested the man when a check found he had outstanding warrants from another jurisdiction. Police found 3.5 grams of marijuana and 1.5 grams of hash oil when they searched him. He appears in a Milton court on October 16.

Easy pickings
Acton residents continue to make it easy for thieves to help themselves by leaving garages, shed and car doors unlocked.

So far this month, at least \$3,300 worth of property, including tools, CDs, garden equipment and gold clubs and other sports equipment - were stolen from unlocked garages or cars in Acton.

"I don't get it," a frustrated Halton Detective Sergeant Jackie Gordon said on Tuesday, calling the incidents "crimes of opportunity" with a common theme of unlocked doors.

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Bands silent...

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Bargaining teams for the Halton District School Board and union are back at the table tomorrow (Friday) for another round of talks.

"We're hopeful," said Larry Chud, president of Halton District 20, said after last Thursday's negotiations, adding, "we wouldn't meet again if we didn't think there was a reason to."

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