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2,200 get compost

More than 2,200 Halton households took advantage of the Region's twice-annual offer of free garden compost. In exchange, residents donated a record-breaking 4,000 kg of non-perishable food items to local food banks.

In past years, the compost give away has been one of the area's largest single-source food donations. This year, the amount of food donated was even greater than at previous events. The donations are divided among six food banks in Burlington, Oakville, Milton, Acton and Georgetown.

"This event prompted an incredible outpouring of generosity and community spirit," said Halton Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline. "The Halton community has truly showed its support for this program."

More than 500 tonnes of compost was collected by

Halton residents at this fall's event, which ran September 22 through 29th. The compost program is a key part of the Region's Waste Management Strategy, diverting 24 per cent of residential waste away from the landfill and recycling it into a valuable product.

The next compost give away will take place in the spring - watch The New Tanner for details.

Halton's Waste Management Site is open year round Monday through Saturday at 5400 Bronte Road in Milton. Residents may drop off waste, recyclables, yard waste and household hazardous waste (paint, motor oil, etc). Backyard composters are available at the site for \$30.00; blue boxes are available for \$5.00.

www.region.halton.on.ca/ppw/waste for more Halton waste management information.

TOWN DIGEST

Good fence, good neighbours?

A new Halton Hills policy to fence property lines shared by private and Town-owned land is good news for the Rotary Club of Acton, but possibly bad news for those who use abutting Town land as their own.

In a September 20 notice to owners of properties from 48 to 94 Main St., North, the Town asked that all vehicles, fences, debris, garbage and gardens encroaching on Town land be removed before October 15, when a fence will be installed along their rear property line.

Town parks design and construction co-ordinator Rakesh Mistry said they had issues with homeowners "slowly, slowly encroaching" onto parkland and two right-of-ways from Main Street to Prospect and Rotary Parks.

"There's a lot of material being dumped onto park property and we're having some vehicles accessing the site," he said, adding it poses a safety hazard to park users.

Rotary member Doug Fread said they've been waiting for the fence at the right-of-way just north of the creek because it will allow Rotary to proceed with landscaping and signage plans from Main Street into the park.

The 1.5m (five-foot) black, vinyl chainlink fence will cost \$15,000 and run for 140 metres, six inches within the Town boundary line. There will be openings at both Town right-of-ways to Main Street.

For an \$80 gate fee, homeowners can have an opening into the park from their backyard.

Fair building

With the 88th edition of the Acton Fall Fair successfully behind them, members of the Acton Agricultural Society (AAS) are meeting this week with an architect to prepare concept drawings for a new fair building in Prospect Park.

"We also want to get the refurbishment of the drill shed underway," said AAS president Doug Fread, adding they would apply for a heritage grant to help renovate and relocate the former drill shed that is now the poultry barn.

The AAS was forced to scale back its plans and choose a second location for its building when testing found soil under the former arena site was unsuitable for rebuilding without more than doubling the proposed \$350,000 price tag.

Fair building will abut the Boat House on the shore of Fairy Lake.

Education audit

An external audit of the Halton District School Board, sparked by a disgruntled trustee who has since been censured by his fellow trustees, should be available tomorrow (Friday) but may not be released publicly until next week's board meeting.

Trustees censured Michael Ellis by denying him access to in-camera meetings or materials because he released confidential information about the education director's new contract.

Ellis has asked the minister of education to reverse the board's decision to ban him from meetings and only allow him to teleconference. Ellis has asked for a health-related leave of absence.

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LEGION NEWS

By Joyce Buchanan
Secretary

Hi again;

Not much in the way of news, only reminders, like the white stuff blowing around Sunday, reminding us it is not far away. Hope you had a good Thanksgiving, I know I did, everyone came home and that was good.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of yet another veteran; this time it was a lady, Marg Lambert. Thanks to those of you who turned out for the tribute on Friday night.

The Service Officer will be at the branch October 17 at 10:45 a.m. Mr. Ed Neal will be there to answer questions from ex-service personnel and dependants. It is a free service and you should contact our service officer, Ab Irwin (853-0696) for information.

O.K. you crib players, it's time to start playing this Thursday; you should be

over your turkey dinner now.

The Newfie night is planned for Saturday, October 27 from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. with the Bay Boys. Look for the ad in the paper.

If you can give blood the Blood Clinic will be at the branch on Thursday, October 11 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please give if you can.

Now Thanksgiving is over can Christmas be far away? Must not forget Hallowe'en, though, or the kids will be upset.

Please don't forget those of our members who are in hospital or sick at home. Frank Spielvogel is the one to contact if you know of someone we have missed.

Remember, there is always Bridge and Euchre during the week at the branch.

See you at the branch.

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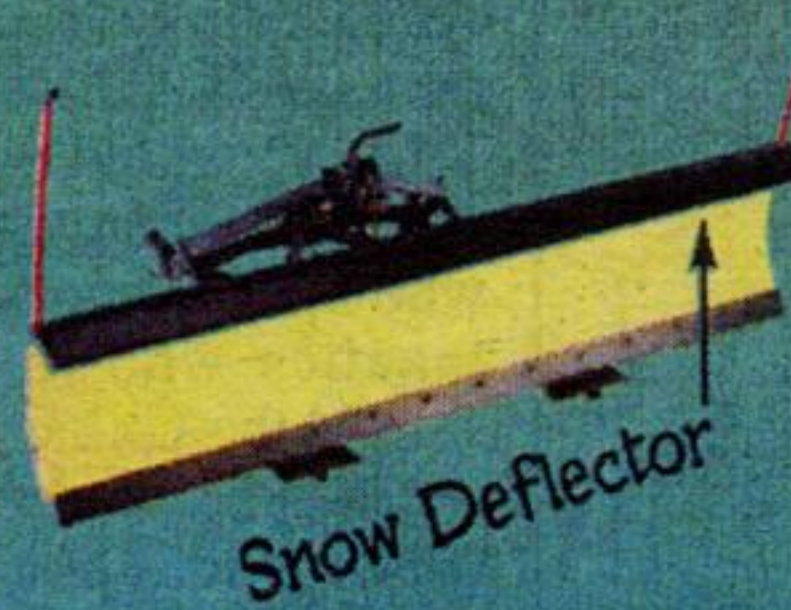


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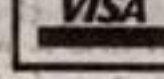
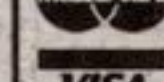
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