

Burial costs to increase by 55%, plot in Fairview \$1,042 in 2005

The cost of some Town cemetery services and products will more than double with Town Council's approval on Monday of new municipal rates and fees.

The cost of various plots, cremation and care and maintenance will increase by 55 per cent at Acton's Fairview cemetery.

A single plot will now cost \$1,042.40, up by \$68, and maintenance and care for that plot will also increase by 55 per cent to \$416.97.

Recreation and parks director Terry Alyman said a during preparation of a draft cemetery business plan they found that the Town is "significantly underpriced" for some cemetery products.

"While those prices are increased by 55 per cent, Council and the public should know that is actually a phased strategy, so that doesn't quite bring them up to existing competitive rate, but it starts to get a little bit closer," Alyman said, reminding them that 40 per cent of the fees associated with burial products is earmarked for the perpetual care and maintenance reserve.

The user fees, licensing fees and service charges are reviewed on an annual basis, and a three per cent indexing increase was

recommended to the departments.

Admission fees to skate and swim remain the same to promote affordable access to both sports and facility rates and rentals

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LEGION NEWS

By James Hayes
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Comrades:

The inclement weather last Friday evening reduced the number of new members who attended the Initiation ceremony at the Branch to five. We welcomed Ted Saelzer, Melissa Butcher, Sharon Austin, Tara Ferguson and Hartley De Forest.

Membership Chairman John Wagg has asked me to nudge your memories regarding your dues; did you pay them or were you going to?

Santa and his helpers hosted the Children's Christmas Party at the Branch last Sunday and he asked me to tell the parents of children who were unable to attend that he has left a gift for them with the Stewards. Please call and make arrangements to pick your child's gift up as soon as possible.

I asked you last week to spare a thought for those less fortunate, and those who are shut in, because I do.

At this time of the year the Salvation Army runs their

fees will increase by 5 per cent.

The new rates take effect January 1, 2005.

Land values

Preserving agricultural land for future generations

should not come at the expense of local farmers, some of whose land will be frozen by the province in its long-range greenbelt and managed growth plans to stop urban sprawl and protect the rural areas.

At the request of Mayor Rick Bonnette, Town Council will ask the province to set up a monitoring system on agricultural related and values for land within the GTA/Golden Horseshoe Area.

Threats to the economic viability of the agricultural industry were underscored by several local farmers at Council last week. "We can't see farming now," said an emotional Ross McClure who said he and his wife have had sleepless nights since three-quarters of his farm is in the greenbelt, and one-quarter in land the Town wants the province to consider protecting.

Council wants Queen's Park to support the economic viability of the agricultural industry in the greenbelt by accepting recommendations from an agricultural advisory team that made recommendations on land use and planning, tax and assessment reform, public education, promotion and government funding, policy and regulations.

Kettle Campaign. That's a very easy way for us to make a contribution to those less fortunate. I always do. Ask anyone who served in the forces, who made the best cup of tea and had the cheeriest disposition. They will tell you it was the ladies of the Sally-Ann.

Ring in the New Year here at the Legion with our annual New Year's Eve Dance. Tickets are only \$25 per person.

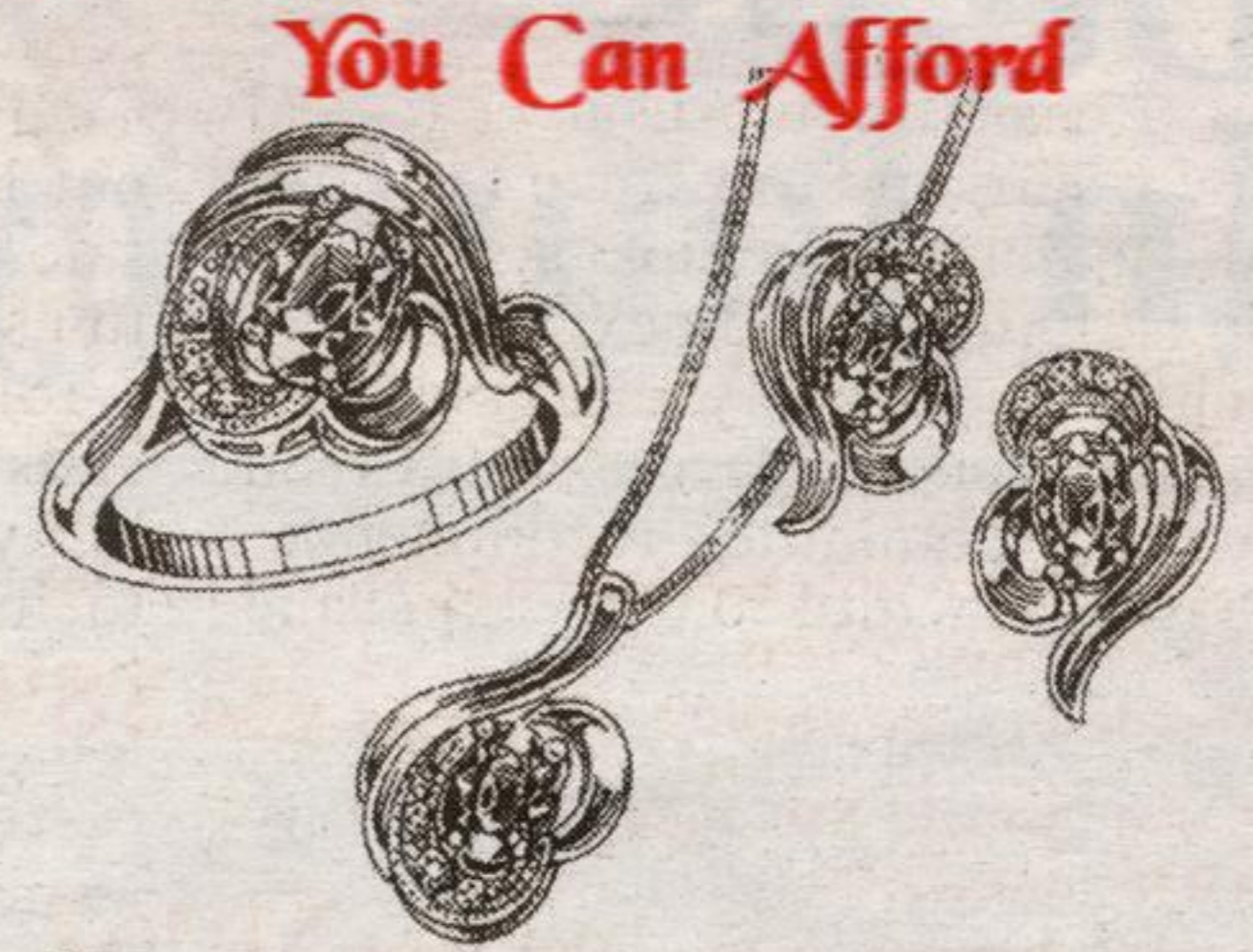
Sports:

Zone Bowling, sign-up sheet on the sports board, sign-up if you are interested, a bowl-off will take place if we get enough interest. Acton Branch 197 will be hosting at Georgetown Lanes on Jan 8/04. Also the Zone cribbage sign-up sheet is on the board.

New dart boards and sponges have been installed at the Branch. Anyone interested in mixed darts, be it a one-day thing or a league, contact Ren. Cunard, Chmn.

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