

KEEPING COOL: Andrew Price, 2, knows how to keep cool during this hot summer's sizzling heat. He jumps in the wading pool at Prospect Park in Acton on Monday. The toddler was accompanied by his dad, of course. - Angela Tyler photo

Look for more firefighters to staff new fire station

A third Halton Hills fire station to be constructed in the southerly portion of the Georgetown urban area is included in the Capital Budget forecast for 2006. When the station is built, additional part-time personnel will be necessary.

Like the present headquarters and Acton stations, it will have a composite staff of both full and part-time members.

Chief of Operations John Martin says, "With the third station, our complement of part-time staff will be increasing by an additional ten fire fighters. We hope these additional staff members living beyond this distance,"

will be from the immediate area where the station will be located."

Crucial in the hiring process, is the travel distance a firefighter must drive to reach their respective station. The current criteria is to give individuals who live within three (3) kilometres of the station preferential consideration when hiring. Part-time staff must live within five (5) kilometres (3 miles) to the station that they are assigned.

"Because time is critical when responding to emergency incidents, it is not feasible to have fire fighters

Martin explains.

Director of Fire Services Bob Meads says, "The recruitment drive will run from August 1-19, 2005 with the applicant evaluations being conducted from August 29-September 23, 2005. The anticipated recruit start date is October 3, 2005". "With the additional ten recruit fire fighters, staffing levels will rise to fifty-five part-time fire fighters stationed in the Georgetown urban area," Meads says.

Further information is available at the Fire Services' Information Centre in the Georgetown Market Place or by calling 905-877-1133.



Bees like this one caught in motion by Danielle McIsaac's lens are on exhibit at Country Heritage Park.

Park exhibit 'un-bee-lievable'

Driving into Country Heritage Park you can almost hear the faint buzzing noise of over 10,000 bees just recently located in the Plant Centre Exhibit building. The exhibit's main feature is a hive made of glass, with a clear tube attached leading directly outside for the bees to pass in and out of the hive.

The new exhibit explains the bee's role in pollination and honey production, as well as allowing a close up look into the bee's habitat, caste structure, and communication system. Since the hive is behind glass, it offers children and adults an excellent view of the hive without the possible concern of being stung.

Starting in September the new exhibit will be added to the education programs at the Park for school tour groups, Guides,

Brownies, Sparks, and general public tour groups.

"The education program will benefit greatly from this new exhibit," comments Tammy Ballantyne, the education coordinator at Country Heritage Park. "It teaches children the fundamentals of how honey is made, plants are pollinated and how bees communicate. They can also overcome any fear they might have towards bees and discover that they are pretty harmless and very beneficial insects."

Day-trippers can visit the new exhibit on weekends in July and August.

Country Heritage Park is nestled in the shadow of the Niagara Escarpment south of Highway 401, on Tremaine Road west of Milton.



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