

GREEN THUMB GARDENING



By CHRISTINE COLE PEEGEE HYDRANGEAS

During the month of August, there is few shrubs that flower profusely. But, this is the month that the Peegee Hydrangea comes into its splendor. This Hydrangea is a small tree (or large shrub) that may attain a height of 5 feet at maturity. It makes a splendid specimen plant due to its small tree-like stature and semi-arching branches.

Extremely large, white, showy flowers develop on the ends of the branches in August. The flowers are cone shaped (approximately 6 inches long) and white in color that slowly change to purplish pink and then brown when they're finished. The flowers last a long time while going through their color transformation. Even the finished flowers are decorative; they can be cut off and used in dried flower arrangements.

Another attractive aspect of this plant is that it is not prone to many insects or diseases. This fact makes it an attractive low maintenance plant.

The Peegee Hydrangea transplants easily and is very adaptable to soil and light conditions. However, it thrives in rich well-drained soil and prefers a partially shaded location.

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Councillors support new church proposal

By JANET BAINE
Staff writer

Councillors think it's a good idea to put a Salvation Army church on the corner of Mountainview and Resources Rds. in Georgetown, in spite of protests by area residents.

People living on Donaghedy Dr. say when they bought their homes, built in 1992, the land was zoned for residential use, now it is being changed from residential to neighborhood institutional. The new zoning would allow for a church, school, community centre, park and day nursery as well as a residence.

"You make a decision (to buy a house) based on a plan and pay dollars toward that and then they change it," said Donaghedy Dr. resident David Develter at the July 10 council meeting.

Develter wasn't alone in his opposition. Council also received three letters and a petition in May signed by 26 Donaghedy Dr. residents who oppose the proposal.

The site plan shows there would

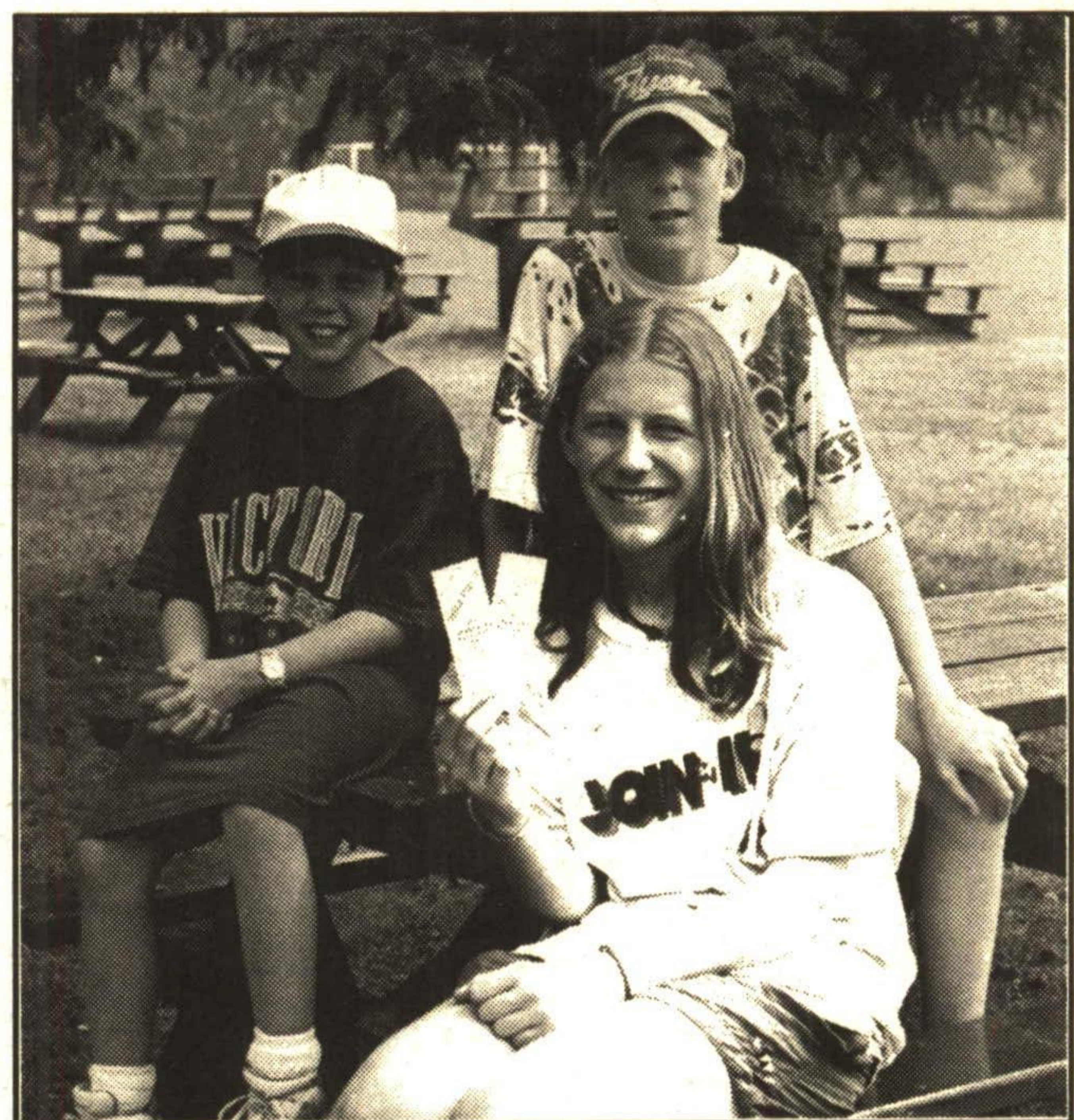
be no direct entry to the church from Mountainview Rd. Instead, church members would turn onto Resources Rd. in order to get to the church.

Residents are concerned that the proposed church will increase traffic and parking on their street. The plan shows 34 parking spaces and Ward 4 councillor Ron Chatten suggested that the church should proceed with 18 more spots during the initial phase of development.

"If there is an event (at the church), there is no other parking. People will have nowhere to park but the church lot," he said.

The item was passed with this increased parking; a bylaw on the rezoning will be before council at the next meeting, July 24.

Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson told local residents they could meet with planning staff and discuss the proposal further, and if they were still not satisfied, they can make a presentation to council at the July 24 meeting before the new bylaw is passed.



Award winner

This week's recipient of the Halton Hills Rec Department Summer Camp Customer Service Award is Peter Johnson, who is a first year leader at Cedarvale Park, leading the Nature Camp, which builds environmental awareness in the campers. As recipient of the recognition, Peter received a pair of passes to Wild Water Kingdom, compliments of the *Independent/Free Press*.
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