

Garden of the Senses

Town okays unique garden in Norval Park

The town has given its blessing to Norval Community Association (NCA) to develop a new garden within Norval Park.

To be called the Garden of the Senses, it will be located northwest of the Lucy Maud Montgomery Gardens and will be designed specifically for seniors and the visually impaired.

The NCA will assume responsibility for the fund-raising, construction and maintenance of the

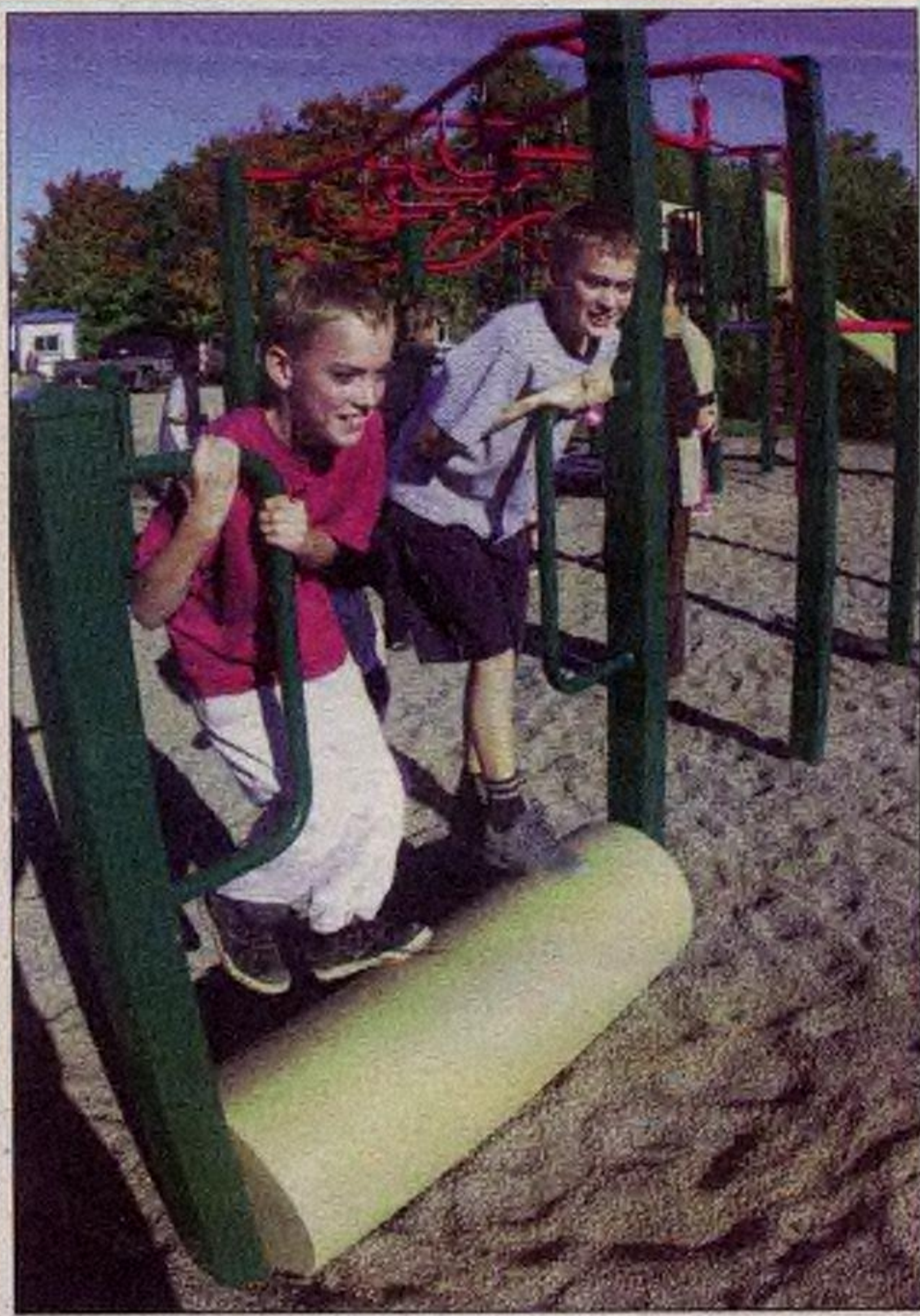
garden, while the town's recreation department will provide design, costing, and general maintenance (turf, trees, and pathways). The construction of the garden will not impact the department's operating costs, according to a staff report.

The site, about one-third to one-half acre in size, will include raised beds, water fountain, seating, and paths. The raised beds will bring foliage to a height where it can be readily handled, smelled and appreciated by seniors and the

visually impaired. The water feature will include a sundial "to add to the unique collection of sundials that is being assembled in these gardens."

The paths will be wheelchair accessible and compatible to the needs of the visually impaired—straight lines, colour and texture contrast. Plants will include those that will attract birds and butterflies and that can be easily smelled and handled.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer



Playground opens

The Ballinacree Community Centre, affectionately referred to as "Bailey's Back Yard" in honour of Jim Bailey, a longtime volunteer at the centre, opened its new playground recently. Bailey was on hand to cut the ribbon on the new playground while brothers Daniel (left) and Jonathan Taylor opted to try out the new treadmill.

Photo by George Beshiri

Halton school board needs part-time classroom tutors

If you're a college or university student looking to make some extra money and maybe determine if a career in teaching is for you, the Halton public school board has a unique program to offer.

The board is once again looking for part-time classroom tutors to help regular teachers out with their students at the elementary and high school levels.

The program is in its fourth year in Halton and is a joint effort with the Ministry of Education, which provides half of the funding.

Student tutors, who must be attending a post-secondary institution full time, are paid a \$2,000 honorarium for working a minimum of eight hours per week for 20 weeks between Nov. 1-April 28, 2002.

"We've applied and been approved for 15 positions. We will place them based on the student's preference and try to match the need of interested schools," said Rasa Pruden, a science co-ordinator with the Halton board.

Anyone interested in applying for a tutorial position should call Edwige Dautreme at 905-335-3665, ext. 3216 or send an e-mail to dautreme@haltondsb.on.ca.

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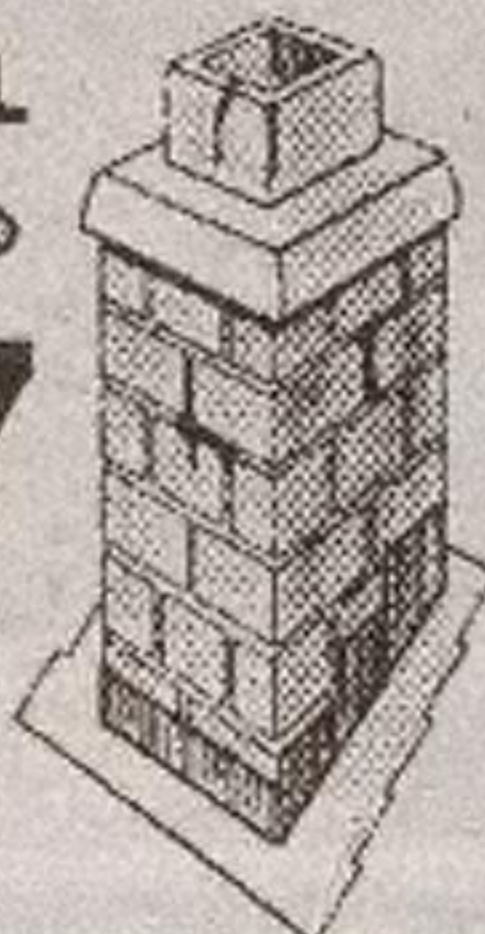


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