

Lost something? Summer camp lost & found closes Thursday

Looking for that lost baseball glove or backpack? Halton Hills Recreation & Parks may just have it!

At the end of the season, Town staff gathered all the belongings left behind at its summer camp locations and brought them to the Recreation & Parks Department at the Civic Centre for safekeeping.

If you think you may have left something at our summer camps, come and take a look through the lost and found. But don't delay! All items still left in the lost and found after September 30, will be donated to a local charity.

To make inquiries about claiming a lost article, please call the Recreation Supervisor at 905-873-2601, ext. 2276.

Show supports library

Gallery House Sol and the Friends of the Halton Hills Public Library present a select group of small art works for sale during the month of September.

Gallery House Sol will generously donate a portion of the proceeds to the Friends. The selections are on view at the Georgetown branch of the library. For more information, call John Sommer at 905-877-6460.

Week two: Preparing for Thanksgiving

Okay, so now we've got two weeks until Thanksgiving weekend. Once again, I've got a couple of little jobs for you to do in order to make your life a little easier later.

First, select the menu. Last week you picked the main course and started to think about dessert. Now make a list of everything else you plan to serve, and I mean EVERYTHING!

Start at the beginning and think of pre-dinner drinks (even if it's pop, punch or hot apple cider), appetizers, main course and dessert. List all condiments as well including butter, cranberry sauce, salt, pepper, coffee cream, sugar, sweetener, tea, milk, wine, beer, liquor; everything!

The reason for the full list is two-fold. First it will help you make a grocery list so nothing will be forgotten. And, on the day of the party it will act as a checklist to ensure you've got everything on the table.

Second job is to take that menu and make your grocery list. Include absolutely everything you'll need including items like flowers, candles and toilet paper. Make sure to include chicken stock concentrate, all purpose flour, cooking wine (white), fresh thyme and fresh sage on the list— because you're going to need them for the gravy. Now post

What's
cookin'

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your menu and grocery list somewhere safe and as the next couple of weeks go by, you can add to the list if needed. If you want to start buying some non-perishables and alcohol now, that will save you some time later.

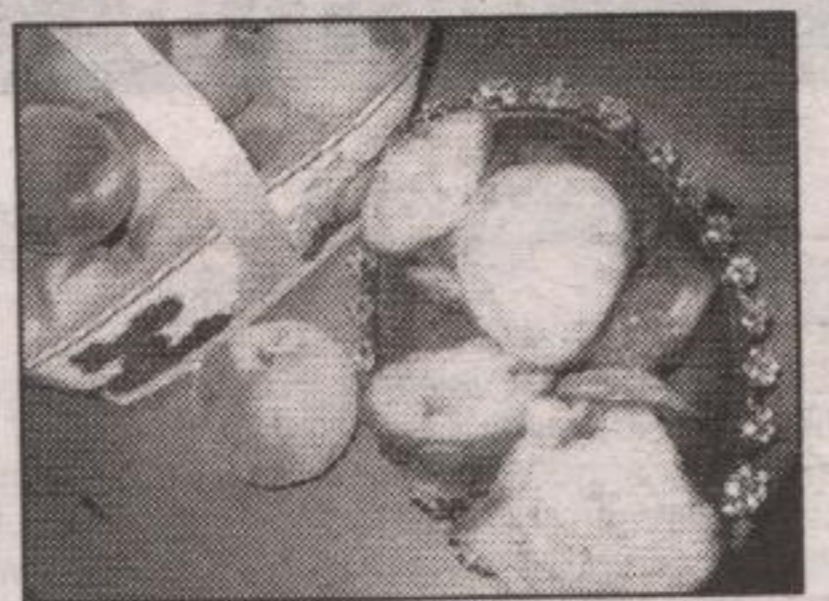
Third job— consider the number of guests you are hosting. Do you have enough dishes, glasses, flatware? What about table linens and napkins? Do you even have table large enough to accommodate the whole crowd? Perhaps you should consider renting. Sometimes even renting linens and glassware can make your life a LOT easier. There are several rental companies in the area, they deliver for a fee or you can arrange to pickup your order. But do it now if you don't want to be disappointed!

That's all you have to do this week— see, it's really not that bad.

Have fun and keep cooking!

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Ginger Peach Muffins



Ingredients

- 1 cup sugar
- 3 tbsp grated ginger root
- 1 tbsp grated lemon zest (approximately one lemon)
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 2 eggs, room temperature
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 2 cups flour
- 3/4 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 cup chopped fresh or frozen peaches

Method

1. Heat 1/4 cup of the sugar and ginger root in a small sauce pan over medium heat, stirring until the sugar is dissolved. Cool. Stir in the lemon zest and set aside.
2. Cream the butter and remaining 3/4 cups sugar in a bowl until well mixed. Add the eggs and beat well. Add the buttermilk and mix until combined.
3. Combine the flour, baking soda and salt in a bowl.
4. Add the flour mixture to the butter mixture. Stir until just combined. Fold in the ginger mixture and peaches.
5. Spoon the batter into 12 greased muffin cups, filling 3/4 full.
6. Bake at 375 degrees F. for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown.

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