

Celebrate the season at the Falling Leaves Festival

Celebrate fall and the coming of winter this Saturday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Falling Leaves Festival in Willow Park Ecology Centre.

The centre, located at Mary St. and Hwy. 7 in Norval, will conclude its summer/fall community events with educational habitat preservation and hands-on gardening activities as well as crafts like making leaf-imprinted cards and pumpkin carving.

Join WPEC volunteers are they put the Park to bed for the winter. Bring a litter-less lunch, and your camera to capture the Park in its fall beauty. Snacks and drinks provided, donations welcome. Contact WPEC, 905-702-9055 with questions.

The community enjoyed many fun-filled, outdoor adventures at Willow Park. Highlights were the second annual Kids @ Play, After Dark @ Willow Park and the first annual International Migratory Bird Day.

Kids at Play engaged 16 local kids in day camps learning about ecology and nature, and making their own solar hot dog cookers!

After Dark was a big hit with over 100 residents coming out to view and learn about live bats, owls and frogs, and to star gaze.

The Bird Day, led by WPEC Steering Committee member Sheri Leckie, hosted many educational and fun, bird-related events and was well received by over 50 local families. They learned about birding, saw raptors and local birds, and took home bird artefacts that they made in the park.

Finally, Willow Park also featured four one-week fully booked summer camps. The

Eco Adventures and Ride the Time Machine taught children (ages 6-12) in an outdoor classroom about the ecology of the Park and how we are all interconnected with our environment. Thank you to camp leader Teresa Rigg.

Willow Park extended thanks to its many volunteers for a successful season of events at the 5th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Day hosted by Steering Committee member Carolyn Martin.

The volunteer of the year awards went to Elizabeth Inglis for her support as secretary and former WPEC co-ordinator Ruth Kuchinad for her work on park projects. Kuchinad also received a special honour for commitment to education, enhancement and enjoyment of the natural environment. Although moving out of town, she remains dedicated to Willow Park's success.

Many thanks also to our sponsors (e.g. Loblaw's, A&P, M&M Meats, Food Basics, Guardian Pharmacy, Creature Comfort, The Independent & Free Press and the Ontario Trillium Foundation).

—By Tunde Otto-Harris, WPEC co-ordinator

Spaces available in library's programs

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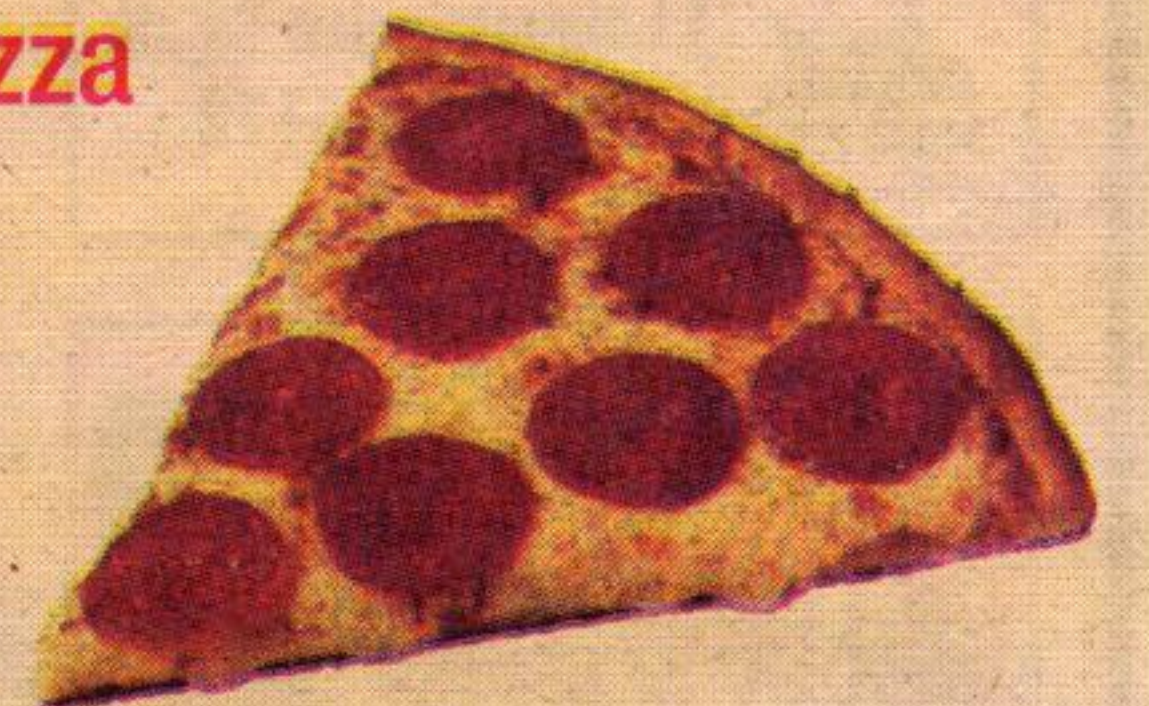


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