

# GCRC reaches out to single parent families

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Help is here this fall for single parents and children going through the trauma of separation and divorce.

It takes the form of an 11-week program entitled Just Me and the Kids that runs on Monday evenings at the Christian Reformed Church (GCRC) on Trafalgar Rd., north of Maple Ave., in Georgetown.

The \$30 course kicks off with an information session on Monday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. The venture is essentially a repeat of a program that was first offered at the church a year ago.

Anita Paget, who was a single parent herself for five years and is one of the organizers, says that seven single mothers and their children attended the last program in Georgetown.

"They found it very helpful and continue to keep in touch with each other as a support group," she said. "Their children are also coping a lot better with marital breakup."

The Just Me and the Kids program was devised in 1989 by Barbara Schiler, a single mom living in Colorado and has since been run successfully in many locations across the U.S. and Canada. Men, as well as women, are encouraged to sign up.

At GCRC each two-hour session starts with a no-charge sit-down dinner

that lasts about 45 minutes and babysitting is available for children under age four. The course itself is run by volunteers from the church including Corrie Bootsma, former principal of the Georgetown District Christian School.

Some topics covered include helping children cope with loss, behavioural issues, time management for single parents, dealing with stress, anger and guilt and understanding child personalities.

The course is geared to single parents and their children aged 4 to 12. The kids learn coping skills largely through specially devised play. Among the volunteer helpers are several teachers. Graduation night when the previous GCRC program ended included games, a yummy cake and lots of balloons.

To enroll in Just Me and the Kids or for more information call the GCRC office at 905-877-4322 or Anita Paget at 905-877-5763.

## Bridge on Thursdays

A new bridge game will be starting this fall. It will start out as a beginner game with instruction sessions and slowly progress up to the intermediate level. You can start at the start or join later. It will be an evening game on Thursdays, 7-10 p.m. Call Tom for details, 905-877-7486.

# Halton Carvers to offer instructional classes

The Halton Carvers wood carving club will resume its adult classes this fall at the Williams Mill (515 Main St.) in Glen Williams.

Instructional classes will be held for carving, pyrography, leather carving and tool

sharpening.

Dates and times are to be determined.

Those interested are asked to e-mail Bonnie, signshoppe@bellnet.ca or Ilana, ilanamiller@rogers.com.

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## NOTICE OF PASSING OF AN OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND RELATED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Caledon enacted By-law No. 2006-121 to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 199 and Zoning by-law 2006-126 on the 12th day of September, 2006.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any individual, corporation or public body may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of Amendment No. 199 and/or Zoning By-law Amendment 2006-126 by filing with the Director of Planning and Development, of The Corporation of the Town of Caledon not later than the 10th day of October, 2006, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the Amendment(s), the reasons in support of the objection, together with a cheque in the amount of \$125.00 made payable to the Minister of Finance, and a cheque for \$150.00 made payable to the Town of Caledon for each type of appeal being filed. **Please note that payment for the Minister of Finance will only be accepted by certified cheque or money order.**

AND TAKE NOTICE that only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal the Official Plan Amendment and/or the Zoning By-law Amendment to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed on behalf of an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. If you wish to appeal to the OMB, a copy an appeal form is available from the OMB website at [www.omb.gov.on.ca](http://www.omb.gov.on.ca).

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or public body is entitled to receive notice of the decision of the approval authority if a written request to be notified of the decision is made to the approval authority.

The address of the approval authority is:

Mary Hall, *Director of Planning & Development*  
6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario L7C 1J6

### PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose of the Official Plan Amendment is to amend Schedule "O" of the Official Plan to reflect changes that have occurred to the Region of Peel's groundwater-based water supply system in Caledon since 2000. Specifically, this includes the construction of three new wellheads and the delineation of related Wellhead Protection Areas, and the decommissioning of nine existing wellheads and the removal of related Wellhead Protection Areas.

The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment is to amend a number of zone maps in the Town's new Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2006-50 to reflect changes that have occurred to the Region of Peel's groundwater-based water supply system in Caledon since 2000. Specifically, this includes the addition of 5 and 10 year Wellhead Protection Areas associated with two new wellheads and the removal of 5 and 10 year Wellhead Protection Areas associated with nine decommissioned wellheads.

A copy of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments are available on our website at: <http://www.town.caledon.on.ca/townhall/departments/planningdevelopment/wellhead-protection.asp> or if you would like a copy mailed or faxed to you please call the Planning and Development Department Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (905) 584-2272 ext. 4228.



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