

Event set for Oct. 22

Go-kart races planned as CASHh fundraiser

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While Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills (CASHh) has had some unique fundraisers over the years—like the outhouse races—this month there will be something really different.

Race For A Cure, in support of CASHh, will be held Sunday, Oct. 22 and feature a series of go-kart races, in which teams of four drivers will pit themselves against other teams in a 136-lap endurance race. Teams must take a pit stop every 17 laps for a driver change and at least one mandatory timed fuel stop.

Co-ordinated by Judy Lang of Georgetown, the event takes place at Indoor Formula Kartways located at 79 Bramstele Road in Brampton.

The races feature approximately two hours of endurance racing, with driver changes, so each driver will race at least twice. Each session behind the wheel is 17 laps. The computerized timing will keep track of the placing of each kart.



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There are two races, with registration being 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Each team is required to raise a minimum of \$400, or \$100 per driver and all team members must be at least 16 years of age and possess a valid driver's licence. A deposit of \$200 is required to secure a kart for the team.

The amount each team raises is used to grid the karts in their positions in the race.

"We're hoping local businesses will assemble teams and make this something of a challenge to see who can raise the most for CASHh," said Lang.

"Not only is it a good event to raise money, it's a lot of fun," added Lang.

"I hope we can get as many teams as possible to take part."

Karts are supplied for the race and registration is done on-line by visiting the website www.raceforacure.ca for more information and to register or by e-mailing raceforacure@msn.com.

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CASHh volunteer Ron Nelson (left) and Race for the Cure organizer Dave Geall were in Georgetown Market Place last week as they promote the upcoming Race for the Cure, which takes place Oct 22.
Photo by Ted



Slow day at the office

Regina Corkum (left) and Maggie Gordon wait to make sales at the last day of the Acton Trunk Sale held in the parking lot of the Olde Hide House recently.

Photo by Sabrina Byrnes

Trustees can keep laptops

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Halton Catholic school board trustees will keep their laptop computers, despite an attempt by the chair of the board to eliminate them as a cost-cutting measure.

At a meeting of the Halton Catholic District School Board recently, board chair Al Bailey brought forward a recommendation to scrap the policy that sees laptop computers supplied to trustees for the duration of their elected term.

Noting that the board is expecting to face very tight budgets over the coming few years, Bailey said, "This is my suggestion of what (trustees) can do to help."

In 2004, trustees approved a policy to provide laptops to members of the board in an attempt to save time and paper, as well as fax and courier costs. Arguments for the policy included the suggestion that the computers would make communication with trustees quicker and more efficient.

Bailey argued that the computers haven't resulted in any significant costs savings for the board.

"At a time when we're looking at where our budget money is going to go, supplying computers to us on a regular basis is not a feasible

thing," he said.

But several of his fellow trustees questioned the logic of eliminating the laptops, which cost the board \$2,200 each to purchase.

"It is such a miniscule amount, compared to the enormous budget the board deals with on an annual basis," said Burlington trustee Joanne Matters.

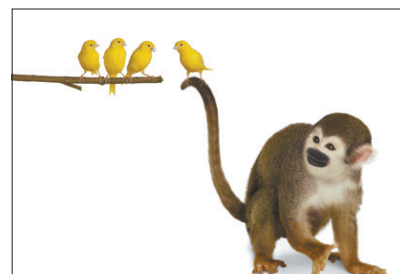
The board's approved operating budget for 2006/07 is \$205.4 million.

Along with laptop computers, the board also supplies trustees with Internet access and a printer. Prior to the 2004 policy, the board provided trustees with fax machines and fax telephone lines.

The policy, which applies to all trustees, including student trustees appointed for a one-year term, says trustees must return their computers at the end of their terms, or purchase them at an agreed-upon depreciated price.

Bailey's defeated motion had suggested that the board continue to supply Internet access and a printer to trustees owning their own computers.

"As a budget item, this has to be .001 per cent of nothing," noted Burlington Trustee Bob Van de Vrande. "I don't think we should make a hasty decision here, based on a cost thing, which I think is spurious, at best."



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