

Youth to host HIV-AIDS forum on Friday

For the past two months, four youth from the various regions in Halton have been organizing and planning an educational youth forum to be held on Friday (Dec. 1), World AIDS Day, at Milton District High School from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The day will be filled with education and prevention awareness, front line stories and pictures from other countries and a chance for youth to take away some ideas about what they can do locally to help eliminate the stigma and discrimination that people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS in Halton face on a daily basis.

The youth forum is the second regional initiative put on by AIDS Action Halton, a community collaborative working towards developing Halton-based community awareness of the issues surrounding HIV/AIDS, prevention of the virus, and improving support services for the citizens of Halton and their families living and

affected by this epidemic.

"Stigma and discrimination are the greatest barriers to preventing more infections," said Devon Spier, a Lester B. Pearson High School student and one of the co-organizers of the event.

"We hope that youth will leave the forum with a better understanding of the disease, prevention methods and how the world is affected by HIV/AIDS, we will look at the epidemic globally, but encourage action locally," he said.

"Denial goes hand in hand with discrimination, with many people continuing to deny that HIV exists in their communities. Today, HIV/AIDS threatens the welfare and well being of people throughout the world. It is estimated that, 42 million people are living with HIV or AIDS and that 3.1 million die each year from AIDS-related illness. There is no invisible wall that keeps HIV/AIDS out of Halton, there are people in our community, including

women and children, who are living with this disease," said Maureen Harvey a Georgetown youth and past student of Christ The King High School.


The other two youth organizers are: Caitlin Carew and Melanie McDougall.

The youth organizers have created a "my space" page to help promote the event and to help raise awareness—www.myspace.com/youthsupportingtruth. Youth who wish to attend should RSVP to AIDS Action Halton 905-632-4551 or send an e-mail to aids_action_halton@hotmail.com.

The youth forum is the second regional initiative put on by AIDS Action Halton with funding provided by the United Way of Burlington, The Miriam Group, HOPE, Sexual Health Department, Transitions for Youth, Peer Outreach Support Services & Education Project (POSSE) and concerned citizens and youth from all areas of the Halton region.



Sandra Williamson of the Hillsburgh area is this year's recipient of the Georgetown Horticulture Society's Best Overall Garden award for the work she's done on her rural three-and-a-half acre English-style residence. Presenting the award is contest organizer and judge Larry Aldebert. Other awards included: Best Use of Colour, Cote Terrace; Best Vegetable Garden, Eileen Yvonne Hancock; Best Town Garden, Carmel & Len Doucette.
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APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Interested citizens are invited to apply for positions on various boards and committees.

INTERESTED

- all positions are for a term to expire in December 2010
- must be 18 years of age and resident of the Town of Halton Hills
- must not be a Town of Halton Hills employee
- unless otherwise specified, all positions are volunteer
- meetings generally occur in the evenings

THE COMMITTEES

Committee of Adjustment

- consists of five (5) citizen members
- meets once or twice per month
- remuneration of \$80 for member per meeting
- to act as a decision-making body which considers applications for minor variances to the Town's Zoning By-laws and applications to sever parcels of land

Heritage Halton Hills

- consists of eleven (11) citizen members
- regular monthly meetings
- to act as an advisory body respecting the designation of buildings of historical and architectural interest under the Ontario Heritage Act

Halton Hills Library Board

- consists of nine (9) citizen members
- must be a Canadian citizen
- must not be a Town of Halton Hills, or Library Board employee
- must be able to attend monthly meetings, and dedicate time to Library Board activities
- to act as a decision-making body to set policy for the management, regulation and control of the Library
- for additional information regarding the Library Board please refer to www.library.hhpl.on.ca.

Halton Hills Citizens' Cemetery Advisory Committee

- consists of four (4) citizen members
- to identify issues that impact cemetery maintenance, operation and capital improvements
- review rates and fees or identifying potential revenue sources
- review matters brought forward from Council or staff and determining appropriate action to deal with issues or initiatives

Litter Free Task Force Committee

- consists of four (4) citizen members
- to act as an advisory committee in respect to the implementation of a comprehensive town-wide strategy for reducing litter and vandalism

Property Standards Committee

- consists of three (3) citizen members
- meets on an as-needed basis

- to act as a decision-making body to hear appeals by property owners regarding Orders to Comply issued under the Town's Property Standards By-law

Site Alteration Committee

- consists of two (2) citizen members
- meets on an as-needed basis
- to act as a decision-making body to hear concerns from Halton Hills residents regarding issues under the Town's By-Law Number 01-076 to Prohibit or Regulate Site Alterations within the Town of Halton Hills

Town Environmental Advisory Committee

- consists of eleven (11) citizen members
- to be composed of both individuals who have a professional interest in the field of environmental management and of individuals who have a personal interest in environmental protection
- regular monthly meetings and sub-committee meetings as needed
- to act as an advisory body seeking ways to protect, restore and enhance the Town's natural environment

Trails Advisory Committee

- consists of five (5) citizens from the business, industry, education, and recreation sector
- to act as an advisory committee to provide advice and input to the Town of Halton Hills on matters relating to the design, construction and funding of a trails system
- identify issues that impact trails development in Halton Hills
- bring forward ideas for developing and maintaining trail systems
- act as a sounding board in response to issues and initiatives
- determine appropriate action to deal with issues and initiatives

Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee

- consists of nine (9) citizen members
- regular monthly meetings
- act as an advisory committee to provide advice and input to the Town of Halton Hills to fulfill obligations under the Accessibilities for Ontarians with Disabilities Act

APPLICATION PROCESS

- submit an application form which can be obtained on the Town of Halton Hills website at: <http://www.haltonhills.ca/mayor.asp>
- list the Committee(s) in which you are interested, and in order of priority
- forward to Kelly Withers, Legislative Assistant, Clerk's Department, Civic Centre
- deadline is 4:30 p.m. on **Friday December 15, 2006.**

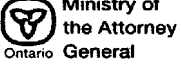
THE PROCESS

If you have any inquiries or if you wish to receive additional information regarding a committee please contact Kelly Withers at 905 873-2601 ext 2330.


A Committee of Council will conduct brief interviews of all applicants on Saturday January 13, 2007 and will make recommendations for appointments to Council.

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