

Letters to the editor

CAS-HH could use your donation of time

Dear editor,
I have felt the necessity to write to you again, after reading a previous letter regarding Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills (CAS-HH).

I became a volunteer along with my daughter and her friend because they were required by school to perform 40 hours of community service before graduating and they inspired me to become a volunteer as well. Together we chose CAS-HH because we knew all too well how cancer has taken many lives and continues to grow at staggering rates.

Patients need support in many different ways from emotional to financial to physical and beyond.

I can speak from first-hand experience how cancer can affect the daily lives of those who are afflicted with this disease and their families. I am a two-time cancer survivor. Cancer is a disease that can be very debilitating, not just for the person, but also their families.

It is because of that I can write to you today and urge each and every one of you who knows of, or has, a family member, friend or co-worker who has been touched by cancer, to volunteer in some capacity to this worthy cause. Whether it be a one-time experience organizing an event or canvassing door-to-door or aiding in driving cancer patients to their appointments, your assistance is greatly needed and appreciated. Your financial support is also important but volunteering costs nothing and its rewards are many.

Hopefully you will never need to use the services provided, but take comfort in knowing that, because of people like you, these services exist.

Again, I urge you to please be generous and give of yourselves because you, in turn, will receive the reward of knowing you made a difference.

*Michelle Trapani,
Georgetown*

Landowner annoyed at greenbelt restrictions

Dear editor,
I am an annoyed landowner, or should I say ex-landowner, just a caretaker of land for other people to enjoy.

Every time you look through the real estate section of the newspaper you see houses advertised "backing onto forever greenspace" as if the acres of farm property next to their home is theirs to enjoy.

I have had people say, "Oh, you're in the greenbelt. You won't be able to give it away." That really makes one feel good, especially when you see farms advertised as "not in the greenbelt, 50 acres, \$10 million".

Don't people stop to think that in the future

when this land gets developed— on some of the best farmland I might add— what that is going to make the price of a house?

I wonder when I go to sell my farm how I would advertise it? Maybe, "Sorry greenbelt property. Please give me something for it."

But then again, maybe I should be positive and advertise it— "Wow. Forever greenbelt, 75 acres, your own paradise, stream, bush, trails in bush, camp on your own fresh air property, open fires, half-hour from the city. Be the envy of every house backing onto your greenspace. After all, they can look at it but can't put a foot on it. Only \$10 million."

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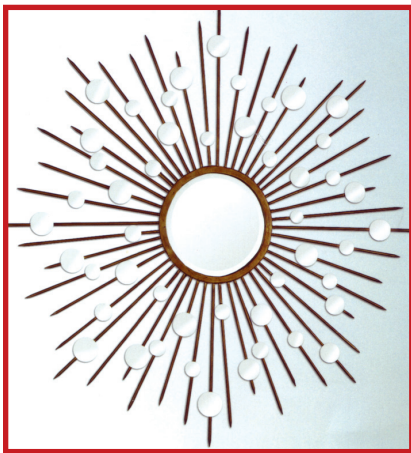
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