



# EARTH WEEK CELEBRATION

## April 20th - April 28th, 2007



### 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL 20 MINUTE MAKEOVER ~ FRIDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>

Employees and school children are encouraged to spend 20 minutes doing a quick but very effective litter pick up in their immediate neighbourhoods.

### THE COMMUNITY WIDE CLEAN UP DAY IS SET FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>

Hundreds of volunteers will scour our parks, ravines, and roadsides in both the urban and in rural areas. The Rain date for Clean Up Day is Saturday, April 28th.

### HALTON HILLS EARTH DAY - APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>

Halton Region will be at the Town's Robert C. Austin Public Works Yard at 11620 Trafalgar Road giving away free compost from the yard waste program and collecting used electronics (e.g. computer hard drives, stereos, VCR's) and residential tires for recycling.

#### Plant a tree for Earth Day...

Thousands of trees have been sold to Town residents at our Annual Earth Day event. These trees are planted on private properties throughout the municipality. This year we will continue this momentum by encouraging residents to purchase a tree. 1400 trees are available in eight varieties.

Did you know that planting a tree is a simple way to clean up our environment? Trees play an important role in helping to maintain a balance in the earth's ecosystems. They improve our neighbourhoods, communities and lives. Trees provide habitat for wildlife. Trees absorb carbon dioxide and provide essential oxygen to the air which contributes to the quality of air and water and create a more beautiful environment in which we live.

Contribute to the growth of trees  
in our community!

You can make a difference to the  
Environment!

Special Thanks to our sponsors:  
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#### Come and enjoy...

- Trees at a subsidized rate of \$5.00 (incl. Tax). CASH ONLY. one per person, no limit after 10 a.m. Eight varieties including Red Maple, White Pine, Scott Pine, White Spruce, Red Oak, White Birch, Downy Serviceberry, Common Chokeberry.
- Master Gardeners from the Georgetown Horticultural Society will be available to answer questions.
- FREE Compost and Wood Chips. Bring along a shovel and container for pick-up. A non-perishable food donation to the Georgetown Bread Basket or Acton Foodshare is requested for each gallon container of compost.
- Environmental Displays by the Town's Environmental Committee (TEAC), Willow Park Ecology Centre, Healthy Options for People and the Environment, Georgetown Horticultural Society, "Club Green" Christ the King Environmental Club, Georgetown Agricultural Society (Georgetown Fall Fair) and the AntiLitter Task Force.
- Colouring Contest with prizes for everyone!
- Breakfast and BBQ served by Mayor Bonnette and Members of Council – waffles, hamburgers, hotdogs, sausages and refreshments for \$1.00 each.
- Free draw to win a tree, Litterbags from the AntiLitter Task Force.
- Enjoy musical entertainment by "Riverband" performing a unique blend of finger style guitar and harmonies.
- The Town will be selling Rain Barrels at a discounted price of \$50.00 per Rain Barrel – CASH ONLY – Limit 1 barrel per household. Public is responsible for transporting any purchased barrels from the town yard at the time of purchase. **No Rain Checks.** Rain Barrel features: Re-conditioned recycled plastic food grade barrels, with metal tap. 45 gallon capacity.



#### HOPE

Healthy Options for People and the Environment (H.O.P.E.) is a non-profit group in Halton Hills.

Currently our goal is to educate and promote healthy natural lawn care practices - moving away from traditional lawn care using non-essential pesticides and chemical fertilizers.

#### MAJOR PROJECTS:

**The Mushroom Factory Organic Lawn & Garden Project**

[www.mushroomfactory.ca](http://www.mushroomfactory.ca)

**Sargent Road Boulevard Garden**

<http://sargentrboulevardgarden.blogspot.com/>

**Organic Turf Care Trial Trafalgar Sports Park**

In cooperation with Town of Halton Hills



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*What a success!* New phase - restructure to 2-tiered approach. Volunteers will have FUN keeping WPEC as a unique rec/education feature in Halton Hills. Send us your ideas!

- 1 - WP Ecology Committee oversees habitat features for local Ecology theme Park. Partnerships are key to success.
- 2 - WPEC Programming Committees directs school, summer, community education programs. Local experts lead programs delivery.

Park Projects (*visit website for updates*):

- Community Garden Groundbreaking Apr. 29
- Butterfly Gardens Phase II
- Forest Renewal - Tree Planting
- Xeroscape-entrance Gardens
- Turtle Nesting Sites
- Bird Habitat Enhancement
- Programming
- Events start Earthday Apr. 21

Visit WPEC - give your child an Active Mind!

## TEAC

### Town Environmental Advisory Committee

TEAC is a group of dedicated volunteers who advise Town Council and citizens on the protection, enhancement, restoration, management and appreciation of our natural heritage.

TEAC, the parent body for Willow Park Ecology Centre, a 5.5 acre facility in Norval, just east of Georgetown, has carried out projects such as supplying rain barrels at previous Earth Days. TEAC has also worked with the public at the Jubilee Woodlot and has provided information to the public through workshops on topics such as Our Water Resources, Environmental Sustainability in Halton Hills and Naturalization. TEAC is currently undertaking a project involving storm drain markings. Visit us at our booth for more information. The committee consists of 12 members and 1 Councillor and meets once per month on the first Wednesday of the month.



For further information please contact Romaine Scott, Town of Halton Hills, 905-873-2601, ext. 2344 [romaines@haltonhills.ca](mailto:romaines@haltonhills.ca)

## P.O.W.E.R.

### Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources

Supported by the Ontario Trillium Foundation

Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources (P.O.W.E.R.) is a Halton Hills community based organization that works to protect, preserve and educate about the Niagara Escarpment World Biosphere Reserve.

P.O.W.E.R. also works towards making our community and planet more environmentally sustainable by looking for ways to engage it's members, individuals, groups, businesses and government in actions that increase ecological sustainability.

Please join us June 10, 2007 in the Hungry Hollow (Main Street and 15 Side Road) for our Future Forest Community Day. Learn about this wonderful natural area in the heart of urban Georgetown and help us to preserve and enhance it by planting native plants.

To register for the Community Day or learn more about how you can get involved please contact us.

See you in the Hungry Hollow!

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## GEORGETOWN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Georgetown Horticultural Society meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (excluding July and August) at 7:30 p.m. at St. George's Anglican Church, 60 Guelph Street, Georgetown.

We have monthly guest speakers, often there are plants for sale as well as raffle draws and refreshments.

New members are always welcome. The hall is handicapped accessible.

Upcoming Events include:

- Annual Plant Sale and Silent Auction, at Gellert Centre, 10241 Eighth Line, on May 11 at 6:00 p.m.
- Flower Show at Georgetown Marketplace Mall, June 23
- Garden tour, June 10, tickets available at the Flower Show and selected businesses
- Garden Contest, early July

For more information visit [www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org), email [georgetown@gardenontario.org](mailto:georgetown@gardenontario.org) or call 905-702-9036