



Devereaux project gets boost

The Devereaux House project received a major shot in the arm recently as Paul Armstrong Insurance donated \$10,000 to the campaign. On hand to make the presentation at the Trafalgar Road site were (from left) committee member Ann Lawlor, Paul Armstrong, fundraising chair Carol Lawson and fundraising committee member Murray Henley.

Photo by Ted Brown

Be water wise this summer

Now that we are in the midst of summer, I would like to encourage you to be cautious with your outdoor water use to reduce the potential of outdoor water restrictions.

Millions of litres of clean, treated drinking water are used annually to maintain traditional lawns and gardens. By efficiently using water outdoors, you can minimize your impact on the environment, reduce pressure on our water treatment systems at peak times, and even save money on your water bill.

Sign up for a free Water Wise Landscape Assessment, offered through Halton Region, to learn how to reduce outdoor water use while still enjoying a beautiful yard and garden. I would like to encourage everyone to be Water Wise; a little conservation by all of us can make a significant difference. Here are some water conservation tips for outdoor watering:

- Plant water efficient, drought tolerant plants.
- Adjust in-ground irrigation systems according to weather conditions and any watering restrictions, and install moisture sensors to avoid using automatic irrigation systems during, or right after significant rainfall.
- Avoid too much or too frequent lawn watering, that can lead to poor growing condi-



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tions, disease and shallow root growth.

- Use a rain gauge on your lawn to measure how much rain you have received and if you even need to water. Your lawn only needs 1 inch of water per week. Pick up your free rain gauge at Halton Region's main office or your Local Municipal office.

- Set your mower blade between 6 to 8 centimetres (2 1/2 to 3 inches) high. Taller grass shades the roots and helps the soil stay moist.

Be Water Wise this summer and conserve one of our most precious resources. For more information on being Water Wise both inside and outside of your home, or to sign up for the Landscape Assessment program, visit www.halton.ca/waterconservation.

—Gary Carr is the Halton Region chair

Letters to the editor

ATV fundraiser a class act

Dear editor,

On June 4 an ATV (all-terrain vehicle) ride in support of the Mike Holmes Foundation was held. What a classy day this was and \$25,000 was raised.

It was held at Canadian Forces Base Borden at Angus, Ont. and organized by the Great Lakes ATV Club, the Base Rod and Gun Club and the OFATV (Ontario Federation of All-Terrain Vehicles).

There was a silent auction of signed sports prints that was amazing and all done with the full support from CFB Borden and its commander and his people.

The organization of this event started in January, and keep in mind this is a fully active military base.

What a privilege to live in a country where this could happen. It was all planned with the primary objective being safety for all participants and organizers. It went off without a hitch. I'm 67 years old and thank the good Lord for the health to be able to participate in an event like this with my 40-year-old son.

I had the privilege of meeting a very muddy Mike Holmes, a fellow Georgetown resident. My hat is off to Mike and all his people, the organizers, the base commander and all his personnel. What a wonderful way to celebrate Father's Day weekend to take part in an event like this, especially when needy children benefit.

Bruce Caves,
Georgetown

Councillors thanked for private school decision

Dear editor,

We would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank the mayor and councillors of the Town of Halton Hills and the Halton Region regarding their decision to disallow the Keswick Sutherland school and equestrian centre.

Through their informed and insightful decision, our Town and Region representatives have clearly recognized the importance of adhering to the principles and goals of the Official Plans for both the Town of

Halton Hills and the Region of Halton. As a result, they have addressed the best interests and concerns of taxpayers. In addition, their decision has demonstrated their knowledge of and compliance with Provincial legislations, such as the Greenbelt and Places To Grow Plans.

The correct decision-making process was followed and attempts to discredit our mayor and councillors are disappointing.

Mark and Nanci Llewellyn,
Halton Hills

Reader raises objection to publication of letter

Dear editor,

I am responding to Julian Reed's June 18 letter re: his personal problems with perceived trespassers.

We locals are familiar with the circumstances surrounding Mr. Reed's residence and do not wish to reflect on the unavailability to the public of one of Ontario's most popular waterways or whether or not a recognized fish sanctuary is located within said borders.

Also, I do not wish to discuss whether an innocent soul has perished on the Credit River where it passes through Mr. Reed's property. To be exact, in his letter he did not state that someone had so I will agree that one, and probably many, have perished on the Credit throughout history.

My issue is that our local paper

would publish a local resident's "complaint" over a personal issue. In reading his letter, I would have thought it would be directed to your advertising department.

I can only hope that you will afford every other property owner the same venue to complain about trespassers on their property. Otherwise, one must assume that Mr. Reed, once a public figure, gets privileges not afforded to the masses.

Please say that is not so. It's interesting how many are attempting to save Norval for us all, whereas Mr. Reed, it appears, wants it all for himself.

John Golden,
Georgetown

(Editors' note: Residents' "complaint" letters are published regularly in the letters to the editor section.)

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