

Clean up Halton Hills Day is on this Saturday

What are we cleaning? - roadways, parking lots, school yards, business areas, parks, gateways, valleys and anywhere else where

there's litter and anything else to despoil the landscape. Acton BIA is also sponsoring a clean-up blitz from 9a.m. to 12 noon start-

ing from the Willow St. South parking lot. Coffee and Timbits, bottled water and juice are there compliments of Tim Horton's and

Giant Tiger with work gloves supplied by Superior Glove and garbage bags by the Town. Bring rakes, brooms, etc.

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What's Inside



Saturday, Earth Day, is also the date for Acton's mayor food drive to replenish the shelves at FoodShare. See Page 2 for story.



Georgetown Children's Choir entertained at Halton Hills Civic Centre Tuesday morning when Town officials flew the Dutch flag to commemorate the liberation of a town in Holland. See story on Page 4.



Saturday is Earth Day and the president of Earth Day Canada has a message for all of us on Page 14.



Acton High School students are almost ready for opening night of their production of William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. See story on Page 16.

Hydro rate up 11%



Happy Birthday 'Liz'

QUEEN TURNS 80: Queen Elizabeth II reaches her 80th birthday tomorrow (Friday), in the 54th year of her reign. She is England's 40th monarch since William the Conqueror and Canada's head of state, officially titled: "Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her Other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith." The queen has visited Canada 23 times.

Kicks in May 1st in Halton Hills

By **FRANCES NIBLOCK**
 The New Tanner

Electricity bills will jump by 11 per cent on May 1 – that's \$11.92 cents more per month or \$143.04 annually – for the Acton homeowner who uses an average of 1,000 kilowatt hours a month under new rates released last week by the Ontario Energy Board.

Consumers now pay artificially low prices for electricity at five cents a kilowatt hour for the first 1,000 kilowatts used during the winter, and 5.8 cents for anything above that.

The rate increases – blamed on last summer's sweltering heat that sent energy costs soaring – are 5.8 cents for the first 600 kilowatts used between May and October, and then 6.7 cents.

The 11 per cent increase for Halton Hills Hydro's 18,500 residential customers includes a 2.3 per cent increase in the distribution rate – \$2.49 a month for an average use of 1,000 kilowatts – and 8.7 per cent more, or \$9.42 in the regulated price.

"The government has always said we need to get to the true cost of power and this (the new rates) is a start to doing that," said

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