



ST. ALBAN'S HELPERS: Seventeen members of St. Alban's the Martyr Anglican Church were among the many involved in the recent community clean-up headed by Councillor Jane Fogal. They cleaned up the Bovis subdivision and the Wallace St. park. Shown roadside by the Wallace St. Park are front, left to right, William Russell, Pauline Russell, Leanna De Vaan, Margot LaFrance, Alexandra Russell, Andrew LaFrance, Cloe Russell. Rear row: Dean Hartley, Bernice Garrett, Jim Garrett, Lynn LaFrance, Karen Parker. Missing in photo but also there were: Luke Van Dinther, Bill Switzer, Lloyd Broostad, Tony Russell and behind the camera Arnie De Vaan. — Submitted photo

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What was your first job and did it teach you skills that you've used in your career?



Dina Braun, Georgetown, business development
 "I did market research, surveys in malls when I was 15, and that helps me today — being able to talk with people easily and comfortably, promoting the company and selling all of the services that we offer."



Paul Bedard, Acton, factory worker
 "I was a dishwasher in a restaurant, starting when I was 13 right up until I was 22. I liked it — it's nice to be able to cook at home. I'd still be in the restaurant business if the money was better."



David Wickett, Acton, maintenance mechanic
 "My first job was in a warehouse, and I quickly learned to show up, on time, every day. I learned that early, and continued it with other jobs."



Pearl Long, Milton, Halton clerk
 "I worked for a grocery store and I was on the egg counter, and if anything, that taught me that I had to get a career that was better than serving eggs to people."

OPA unveils province-wide incentives to save power

The Ontario Power Authority (OPA) unveiled a province-wide suite of five Electricity Conservation education and incentive programs to give Ontarians the tools they need to conserve electricity, save money and benefit the environment.

Electricity consumers will be able to choose from a variety of incentives across the complete spectrum of energy efficient products and services — from retiring their power hungry refrigerators to tuning up their central air conditioners.

"These programs represent the largest coordinated effort Ontario has ever made to encourage consumers to use less electricity," said Paul Shervill, a Vice President of the Ontario Power Authority.

By combining offers and watching their own electricity habits, consumers qualify for a 10 percent credit on their electricity bills, automatically, if they reduce their current consumption by 10% over the same period last year.

The first of Ontario's 2007 Spring Electricity Conservation initiatives went in the mail last week. It is the Spring *Every Kilowatt Counts* program. The OPA is mailing incentive coupons — valued at \$44 for energy efficient products — to every household in Ontario. The coupons are redeemable at over 3,000 retail outlets in more than 400 communities across Ontario. The Ontario Power Authority is promoting and operating this program in collaboration with local electricity distributors.

In addition to the *Every Kilowatt Counts* program, the OPA is launching a series

of other programs throughout the summer months:

Cool Savings Rebate

Air conditioning uses a large amount of electricity and is one of the main reasons that summer has become the peak season for electricity demand. The *Cool Savings Rebate* — available now — provides homeowners with rebates if they tune-up their central air conditioners, or towards the installation of ENERGY STAR®-qualified central air conditioning systems, programmable thermostats and furnaces equipped with electronically commutated motors.

The Great Refrigerator Roundup

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Roundup is designed to remove older, inefficient fridges from the electricity system. Refrigerators collected through the program will be disposed of in an environmentally safe manner, resulting in a significantly reduced contribution to local land fill.

The peaksaver™* Program

The *peaksaver* program assists qualified Ontarians, and their local electricity utility, to install a device in their home that allows the utility to briefly control their central air conditioning system during 'critical' peak times — typically weekday afternoons during the hottest days of the summer. Program participants will receive a

\$25 incentive payment for signing up.

Summer Savings

Another rebate, called *Summer Savings* is based on last year's highly successful pilot project by Toronto Hydro. The program will run from July 1, 2007 until August 31, 2007. Participating residents who meet the program requirements will receive a 10 per cent credit on an upcoming electricity bill.

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