

This Saturday, March 28 between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m., Earth Hour will be celebrated around the world. Earth Hour's objective is to increase public awareness of the need to take action against climate change. With unanimous Council support, the Town will once again join other communities around the world in celebrating Earth

Hour. Last year, about 10 million Canadians participated. In 2008, our community made Earth Hour a success by decreasing energy use by 9.4%, ranking the Town fourth among other GTA municipalities. This demonstrated our community's commitment to protecting the environment, and showed that it is possible

Mayor's Corner

By Rick Bonnette



to take meaningful local action against climate change. Everyone's participation is important to making this year's Earth Hour a success. Earth Hour participation is voluntary, fun and informative.

- To celebrate Earth Hour:
- Register for Earth Hour at www.EarthHourCanada.org. Share your ideas about how you will be participating and enter into a draw to win valuable energy-efficiency prizes by e-mailing the Office of Sustainability at damiens@haltonhills.ca.
 - Turn off unnecessary lights, without compromising safety and security.

- Attend a free and fun 'Star Gazing Party' at Cedarvale Community Centre in Georgetown, on Saturday, March 28 between 8:30pm and 10pm. Space is limited, so please RSVP with the Office of Sustainability at 905.873.2601 ext. 2290 or at jennifers@haltonhills.ca.
- Change your inefficient light bulbs to efficient CFL light bulbs.
- Turn down the thermostat.
- Avoid operating major appliances during Earth Hour.
- Enjoy a candlelit dinner with family and friends.
- Businesses can promote

Earth Hour, offer special Earth Hour meals, turn off unnecessary lights, avoid operating major appliances, and offer candlelit dinner service.

So, don't be afraid of the dark. Remember to turn off your lights and reduce energy. Be creative, have fun, and stay safe.

Now that the snow looks like it is finally disappearing, you must have noticed the amount of unsightly litter along our streets and sidewalks, and in the parks. Councillor Jane Fogal, Chair of the Litter Free Committee, wants to give notification that the Halton Hills 20 Minute Makeover will be held on Friday, April 17. Businesses, institutions, and schools are all asked to take 20 minutes out of their day to do a quick clean up of their immediate neighbourhoods. Last year we had

100% school participation and hopefully this level of success will be repeated.

The Halton Hills Community Wide Clean Up will be held on Saturday, April 18. The focus of this clean up is on public property throughout the town.

Volunteer groups, families or individuals are asked to register for these events and arrange for free gloves and garbage bags by calling the Town's Works Department at 905 873 2601 ex 2610

On behalf of Council, I welcome the following new business to Acton:

Body Movement Therapeutics

Keeping it real! I can be reached by telephone at 905-873-2601, ext. 2342, or by e-mail at mayor@haltonhills.ca.

Acton Old Town Hall Dinner Theatre
and
Heritage Acton
Present

TRIAL BY ERROR

(A Murder Mystery Dinner)

Saturday April 18, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

ACTON TOWN HALL CENTRE
19 Willow St. N.

BUFFET DINNER
CASH BAR (beer & wine)

TICKETS (\$40.00 per person)
AVAILABLE AT:

ACTON HOME HARDWARE
DOLLAR STRETCHER DAZE
HALTON HILLS FURNITURE & APPLIANCES

Tickets purchased by April 4 will be entered in the "early bird" draw at the performance.

Ticket deadline is Saturday, April 11.

NEWBABY

*At your house?
It's time to call your
Welcome Wagon
Hostess.*

*She will bring
congratulations and
gifts for the family and
the NEW BABY!*

Call Betty Ann
853-1944

WELCOME WAGON
SINCE 1930 LTD.

Contractor unable to finish...

Continued from page 1 and the unfinished work is valued at approximately \$177,000.

Town treasurer Ed DeSousa said they are working with the company that holds the bond for the work to determine how to proceed to complete the work. DeSousa said it is rare for a situation like this to occur and it might be a "sign of the economic times."

Town engineer Chris Mills questioned the suggestion that tough economic times played a role in Al-Pak's demise.

"We don't know the specifics around it. Given the amount of municipal work, though, that they did have on their books, it would be hard to explain how the economic climate impacted or created this problem - the majority of their

jobs are with municipalities and usually municipalities are pretty good about paying their bills," Mills said on Monday, adding the Town only had one uncompleted contract with Al-Pak.

The project was marred by delays last summer and fall, due in part to rainy weather that threw off the construction schedule. Mills said the financial circumstances of Al-Pak played no role in the delays. The work still to be completed includes a final layer of asphalt and restoration of lawns, driveways and curbs.

Mills said the Town has several options to get the job finished including having the bonding company recommend a contractor or re-tendering the work.

The telephone at Al-Pak's Milton office is no longer in service.

Acton Office Now Open!

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Karen Binch M.A.
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Crossbows, arrows taken from garage

Halton Police are investigating a break and enter at a garage on Silvercreek Drive, in Halton Hills, which resulted in the loss of Crossbows and arrows.

Sometime between 12am and 4:30am, on March 18, culprits entered an attached garage on Silvercreek Drive, using the garage door opener which they located in the victim's unlocked vehicle parked in the driveway. Police said that once inside the garage, the suspects removed two crossbows and numerous arrows. Entry into the victim's home was not gained or attempted.

Halton Police are reminding the public to lock their vehicles at all times and keep any valuables out of sight so thieves are not tempted.

They are continuing to investigate this theft.

10 WEEK PROGRAMS

Summer Programs:

Tip Toe Toddlers (2 1/2 to 4 years): This class focuses on creative movement and enjoyment of music. It is a great introduction to dance for young children. Students will present a production for parents during the last class.
SATURDAY, MARCH 28/09 - 11:00 - 11:30AM - \$65 per session.

Hip Hop Hooray (5 to 8 years): Cheerleading drills and hip hop dance are combined and practiced in this class. Students experience great enjoyment while exercising "moves" in Hip Hop Hooray! They will present a production during the last class.
SATURDAY, MARCH 28/09 - 11:30AM - 12:00N - \$65 per session

Foxy Ladies Dance Program (Adult): 10 weeks of exploring sensual movement using strip aerobics, chair dancing, props and more. A great way to have fun, stay in shape, and find your inner power.
MONDAY, MARCH 30/09 - 8:45PM - 9:30PM - \$120 per session.

Belly Dance (Adult): The art of belly dance is a fun and exciting way to improve your self-confidence, posture, flexibility and grace. This class offers a high energy work-out while focusing on spiritual awareness.
FRIDAY, April 3/09 - 8:00 TO 9:00PM - \$130 per session.

NOTE: All prices include GST.

Apparel for classes: Comfortable clothing, bare feet or dance shoes.

SUMMER CAMPS OFFERED - RESERVE NOW

Sharing Our Love of Dance Since 1998
17 Mill Street East, Acton 519-853-8628
www.totaldanceinnovations.com email: info@totaldanceinnovations.com

Specialty Coffees
Ice Dream Art
Coffees & Tea Shop
Acton
(519) 853-8333
Customized cakes for all occasions

OPEN ALL YEAR LONG

Chocolate Making Workshops for Kids

Get your kids into the kitchen! This hour and a half class will be a hands on chocolate making experience for your kids as they learn to make chocolate. They will do two boxes of Easter chocolate for their parents gift. Snack and drink included.

Ages 6-15
Thursday & Friday April 2, 3, 9 & 10
6:30pm - 8pm
Pre-registration required
\$30 kid / 2 kids \$55 from same family

Also Available in Time for Easter
Easter Chocolates made right in the store!
Includes: Bunnies, Eggs, Truffles, and Desserts

We also sell Pastries, IceCream Cakes and have a large selection of Specialty Coffees and Teas

340 Queen St., Acton 519-853-8333