

United Way needs volunteers

The United Way of Halton Hills is currently in need of volunteers for the Agency Relations and Allocations Committee and its Campaign Committee.

Serving Acton, Georgetown and surrounding areas the United Way currently funds 15 local agencies with a total of 22 programs. People of all ages have benefited from the local social service programs in their own community.

Volunteers take on such roles as reviewing applications for funding, making funding decisions, marketing and promoting the United Way to the business community as well as fundraising through events such as the President's Ball and a Yule house tour.

Volunteers looking for an exciting and fulfilling experience can contact the executive director Janet Foster at the United Way of Halton Hills at 905-877-3066



The Regional Municipality of Halton
www.halton.ca

Environment Day

Saturday, April 25, 2009
8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Robert C. Austin Operations Centre • 11620 Trafalgar Road, Georgetown

Halton Region is holding an Environment Day in Georgetown, as part of the Town of Halton Hills' Earth Day Event. Environment Day is for Halton residents only. Commercial and industrial waste is **not** accepted.

Free Drop-off

Household Hazardous Waste

- **Acceptable materials:** pesticides, paint, stains, motor oil, antifreeze, varsol, fuels, cleaners, pool chemicals, pharmaceuticals, propane tanks, household batteries, car batteries, and fluorescent tubes and bulbs.
- **Unacceptable materials:** needles, syringes and lancets, asbestos, PCBs, explosives, and ammunition.
- Lawn and garden prizes will be given out (while quantities last). This give away is sponsored by Partners for Naturally Green as part of a public education and awareness raising program.



Tires

- Halton residents may drop off up to eight (8) residential passenger vehicle tires (rims included)
- Commercial vehicle, truck, and tractor tires will not be accepted



Electronics

- **Acceptable materials:** computers, stereos, phones, VCRs, DVD players, TVs, and computer monitors
- **Unacceptable materials:** metal and appliances, wooden console TVs, microwaves



Reusable Items

- **Acceptable materials:** clothing, linens, paired shoes, kitchenware, toys, useable electronics, and undamaged furniture
- **Unacceptable materials:** cabinets, desks, typewriters, barbeques, tires, auto parts, mattresses, cribs and car seats

Pick-up



Blue Boxes (free of charge)

Blue Boxes will be available **while quantities last**. One free Blue Box per household. Proof of residency is required.



Backyard Composters

"Earth Machine" Backyard Composters can be purchased for \$15 (taxes included) **while quantities last**. Proof of residency is required.

If you are unable to attend Environment Day:

- Household hazardous waste can be dropped off free of charge at the Household Hazardous Waste Depot located at the Halton Waste Management Site (HWMS), 5400 Regional Road 25, Milton
- Tires and electronics are also accepted at the HWMS for a fee
- Reusable items are accepted free of charge at the Salvation Army Depot located at the HWMS

www.halton.ca/waste

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PURE ENERGY: Employees of Purity Life in Acton took time out to participate in the 20 minute cleanup last week. They spent their time cleaning up all along Commerce and the top part of Wallace. Left to right are: David Chapman, Sara Bradley, Christina Kidd, Ruth Ann Russiani, Debra Gummerson, Joyce Veness, Stacey Thomlinson, Melissa Chapman, Linda Wagg, Julie Wilson, Leanne Henstridge and Christine Kri. - submitted photo

Halton named one of best immigrant employers

Halton Region has been rated as one of Canada's Best Employers for new Canadians by MediaCorp Canada Inc. based on the Region's commitment to programs and initiatives that help recent immigrants integrate into Halton's workforce.

The special designation recognizes "employers who offer interesting programs to assist new Canadians in making the transition to a new workplace -- and a new life in Canada." Halton Region participates in several mentoring programs and internships to help foreign trained professionals gain Canadian experience and develop the skills needed to successfully enter the labour market.

"Newcomers contribute to our economic, social and cultural development

and it is in everyone's interest to help them settle into a healthy and prosperous life in Halton." Says Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr.

Halton's population is expected to double by 2031 to 740,000 people. Between 2001 and 2006, Halton's immigrant population increased by almost 30% compared to an overall rate for the Province of 12%. This trend is expected to continue.

Halton has participated as a host employer for the Career Bridge program operated by the not-for-profit group, Career Edge Organization. A bridge between industry and immigrants, this program creates paid internship opportunities to employers committed to providing relevant work experience to professionally trained newcomers to Canada.

Halton participates in the Halton Mentorship Program for Internationally Trained Professionals. This program, spearheaded by Job Connect at the Sheridan Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning, matches professional staff from Halton Region with internationally trained counterparts from the same profession.

Halton Region also participates in placement programs with the Halton Multicultural Council and the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton.

Mediacorp Canada Inc. is a publishing firm that manages the Canada's Top 100 Employers project. The project aims to identify the companies and organizations that lead their industries in attracting and retaining employees.

Tell us about Teaching and Learning in Schools

From April 20 to May 15, 2009, parents with children in the Halton District School Board will once again be invited to complete the annual *School Effectiveness Survey*. The results of the survey will provide important data to be used to shape system and school effectiveness planning for improving student learning. Parent survey results will be examined in conjunction with survey results from students, teachers and non-teaching staff.

The survey will be available beginning April 20-May 15, 2009 at www.hdsb.ca

Parents may complete the survey on-line from wherever Internet access is available (home, work, or at your child's school). If you do not have Internet access, please discuss alternatives with your child's school administrator.

NOTE: To log-on, parents must have their child's/children's Ontario Education Number (OEN), found on report cards, as a security log-on. Further information is available through your child's school or the Research Department, Halton District School Board at (905) 335-3665, ext. 3280.



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