

Earth Hour prep begins

With unanimous Council support, the Town of Halton Hills will once again join other communities in Canada and around the world in participating in Earth Hour™ by turning off any unnecessary lights. The objective of Earth Hour is to have as many individuals, businesses, organization and governments participating as possible. Earth Hour registration is available at: www.EarthHourCanada.org.

Earth Hour 2010 will be celebrated on Saturday, March 27, 2010 between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Its objective is to increase public awareness of the need to decrease energy use and to take action against climate change. Earth Hour participation is voluntary, fun and informative.

In 2009, Earth Hour reached over one billion people as it was celebrated in over 4,000 cities in about 90 countries. Across Canada, in 2009, Halton Hills was one of nearly 300 participating Canadian communities.

As one of the participating communities, the Town was very successful in its Earth Hour participation as the community collab-

orated to make this event a success. In 2009, the community achieved a 13.5 per cent energy consumption reduction, representing nearly 8,000kWh or enough electricity to power about 6,500 homes for an hour. The 13.5 per cent reduction can also be translated into over 1,400 kilograms of greenhouse gas savings or the equivalent of not driving nearly 4,800 kilometers.

"Two years in a row, our community collaborated to make Earth Hour a success. This year, we hope to do the same by demonstrating that it is possible to take meaningful and practical local action against climate change. The participation of our residents, businesses and community organizations is key to achieving our goal," said Mayor Bonnette, adding that participation in Earth Hour will build on the Town's Green Plan and continue the move to sustainability.

This year, in support of Earth Hour, the town will:

- Be an official Earth Hour participant. The Town will turn off all non-essential lights at all Town facilities during Earth Hour, without jeopardizing public safety and security,

and interrupting regular services.

- Celebrate Earth Hour on Friday March 26, since Town Hall is closed during Earth Hour on Saturday March 27. Similar efforts will be encouraged at local businesses and schools.

- Host a free family movie matinee at the Gellert Community Centre at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 27. The movie matinee will feature an environmentally-themed film. Light refreshments will be provided. Space is limited, so please RSVP your family's attendance by contacting Jennifer Spence at 905-873-2601 ext. 2290 or at jennifers@haltonhills.ca by Monday March 23.

- Collaborate with the business community to (i) assist businesses in promoting Earth Hour to their employees and customers; (ii) encourage restaurants to offer special Earth Hour menus; and (iii) encourage special pricing on energy conservation items such as clotheslines and programmable thermostats.

- Encourage Earth Hour registration by drawing for "Earth Hour Gift Baskets." These gift baskets may include such things as programmable thermostat, energy meter, LED

lights, CFL bulbs and other items that can help with energy conservation. To participate, first please register for Earth Hour at www.EarthHourCanada.org. Next, email the Office of Sustainability at jennifers@haltonhills.ca with a confirmation that you have registered and how you will be participating.

- Purchase green power from Bullfrog Power, a green electricity provider, to offset a portion of the Town's energy use during Earth Hour.

Earth Hour is a symbolic event and it alone will not reverse climate change. Nonetheless, Earth Hour is a high profile opportunity to demonstrate that people working together can make a difference on climate change.

For more information on the Town's participation in Earth Hour, please contact Damian Szybalski (Sustainability Coordinator) at 905-873-2601 ext. 2289 or at damians@haltonhills.ca. For more information about the Town's sustainability initiatives, please visit: www.haltonhills.ca/sustainability.

BRANCH
No. 197

LEGION NEWS
By James Hayes
P.R.O.

Comrades,

Spring is in the air. We continue to be amazed by the wonderful spring weather, enjoy; but don't take the snow tires off yet. I do think it will not be long before we are able to start sitting out on the patio again. This Saturday, March 13, playing for our pleasure in the Games room we will be Steve Dunn & Chris Burden. Why not come down after your yard work is done and enjoy this popular duo?

Convention Chairman Wayne Young will post this week a full list of entertainment and food availability at the Branch during the convention weekend.

SPORTS

Saturday, March 27, our Branch will be hosting Zone B7 Euchre –

a busy day come and cheer the home branch players.

At last Monday's General meeting we received clarification regarding the TV we will be raffling in conjunction with the Zone Spring Convention. The correct description, it's

a 40-inch LCD, HDTV. Tickets will be available shortly. Draw will take place on April 11.

Branch Elections will be held on Monday, May 3.

*Yours in Comradeship,
Jim Hayes,
Br.197 PRO*

Ladies Auxiliary

Our March general meeting was well attended.

A new member, Alice DeRabbie was initiated and a warm welcome was given to Alice by our members. Welcome aboard.

At our meeting Sherri Thompson was accepted into our Auxiliary and will be initiated at our April meeting.

Saturday, April 17, our Ladies Appreciation night and honours and awards will take place. Please contact Sue Poulsen if you are planning to attend.

Kay James is recovering from her surgery and we all wish Kay a speedy recovery so she can be back on her home.

*Yours in comradeship
L.A. President
Annemarie Lowing*



Cops & Courts



Suspicious car

Police are warning rural residents to be alert after a resident on the Fourth Line noticed and unfamiliar vehicle pull into their driveway at 10:30 a.m., on March 3.

The two male occupants appeared to be "checking out" the house. Police are cautioning area residents about the incident which involved a four-door light green vehicle, possibly a Honda. If you have any information regarding this incident, call Halton police 905-878-5511, ext 2415.

New court date for alleged vandals

The two 19-year-old Acton men charged in connection with the January break-in and vandalism at Robert Little School will be in court on April 19. Counsel for Andrew Tressel appeared in a Milton

court on Monday and set the new date, when co-accused Christopher Wilkinson will also appear.

Both are charged with

break and enter, mischief over \$5,000 and cruelty to animals in connection with some classroom fish that died when their tank was smashed.

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10 WEEK PROGRAMS

Spring Programs:

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, March 26 to May 28, 2010 - Level 1 - 7:30 TO 8:30PM - \$140 per session. Level 2 - 8:30 TO 9:30PM - \$140 per session.

Intro To Dance (4 to 6 years): This class is an introduction to jazz and ballet. Basic dance technique is creatively taught in a fun environment. Students will present a production for parents during their last class.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24 TO MAY 26, 2010 - 5:45PM - 6:15PM - \$70 per session.

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, APRIL 3 to JUNE 5, 2010 - 9:00 - 9:30AM - \$70 per session.

Hip Hop Hooray (5 to 8 years): Cheerleading drills and hip hop dance are combined and practiced in this class. Students will have lots of fun exercising their "moves" in Hip Hop Hooray! They will present a production during the last class.
SATURDAY, APRIL 3 - to JUNE 5, 2010 - 12:15 - 12:45PM - \$70 per session

NOTE: All prices include GST.

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

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