



THE CAT'S MEOW: The Upper Credit Humane Society held a garage sale at the Limehouse Memorial Hall on Saturday morning raising funds for their in-house Foster Kitten Program. Guarding the cage from left: Jody Collicutt, Cheryl Bates, Barb Johnson, Frances Walker, Elizabeth with daughter Alex Bolton (front). — Denise Paulsen photo

Letters



Eco Fee Questioned

To the editor

You might notice on your next trip to the store an "Eco-Fee" added on to various items. This is not optional, this is now mandatory. Call it what you will, it is a tax.

Supposedly, this is to pay for recycling products and Stewardship Ontario will be setting up drop off points for various items (mine is 15 miles away from my home).

I have to ask, why is it on consumables such as

laundry detergent? If I buy a bag of cement and use it in my yard, why should I have to pay Stewardship Ontario an extra \$10 for recycling it? Responsible disposal of any product is still up to the consumer so why are we being forced to give money to this non-governmental agency?

Ontario might be the first place in the world that's now become an official Corporatocracy. We now have a tax that, rather going to democrat-

ically-elected government accountable to the people, goes directly into the hands of corporations with no accountability to the public whatsoever.

I encourage you to go to the Stewardship Ontario's website and read their Board of Directors. We didn't elect any of these corporate lobbyists so where do they get the authority to impose these mandatory taxes?

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Halton EMS encourages CPR and defib training

Halton Region Emergency Medical Services (EMS) reminds residents about the importance of CPR and defibrillation training. In a recent six week span, Halton Region EMS responded to an unprecedented number of calls where citizen responders applied their basic life support skills in the face of a sudden cardiac arrest. Between May 14 and June 23, Halton EMS responded to five uses of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) which resulted in the revival of four patients prior to their arrival at hospital.

Historically, the survival rate for out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in southern Ontario is five per cent or less.

"These recent successes are a credit to everyone involved, from the responders to the organizations that participate in the Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) program," said Halton Regional Chair, Gary Carr. "These lives saved represent the coming together of many community resources and programs that are designed to create just such an outcome."

Oakville resident, Bernd Krumme, 46, was resuscitated out of cardiac arrest on June 23, at the YMCA of Oakville. YMCA staff Nestor Granados, Sarah Pearson and Bill Joyce successfully performed CPR and deployed the

Automated External Defibrillator (AED), delivering one shock, to restore his heartbeat. Krumme was transported directly to Mississauga Trillium Hospital where he underwent an angioplasty procedure to restore blood flow to the affected part of his heart. On June 30, Krumme returned to the YMCA of Oakville to thank the staff who saved his life.

"As airline employees, both my wife Samantha and I are trained in CPR and AED use and know how much it contributes to survival. We also know that without trained staff and an AED nearby it is unlikely that I would be alive today," Krumme said. "My message for everyone is to take a few hours to learn CPR and defibrillation."

PAD programs have been in operation at public and private venues across Halton Region since 2000. Over the past decade more than twenty lives have been saved by residents performing CPR and using AED.

Other patients saved in the period between May 14 and June 23 include a teenager and a man and woman each in their seventies. It is hoped that all survivors will soon be returning to their homes and families in good health.

For more information on EMS services or the PAD program, dial 311 or call Halton Region 905-825-6000, toll free 1-866-442-5866, TTY 905-825-9833 or visit www.halton.ca. In an emergency, dial 911.

Thanks for Tea at the Manor help

Dear Editor,

On behalf of United Way of Halton Hills, I would like to thank everyone who helped make the 'Tea at the Manor' event such a great success story! The spectacular home in Limehouse that set the stage for the event was enjoyed by many people. While we faced rain most of the day, it only enhanced the atmosphere of this Olde English Manor Garden Tour! The gardens were absolutely fantastic, and admired by the many visitors who also took in the other festivities of the day. The fashion show, which took place in the magnificent conservatory of the home, was a huge hit, and the Studio 49 models

were stunning! Everyone enjoyed a delicious strawberry shortcake dessert and refreshments, as well as gardening demos, music, art displays, a silent auction and a fantastic outdoor living display. To top it all off, we had great enthusiasm from our sponsors, who were on site to answer gardening and landscaping questions from our guests.

Thank you to the many volunteers, sponsors and guests who attended the event. Thanks also to Limehouse Presbyterian Church for allowing us to use their parking facilities, The New Tanner for help-

ing to promote the event, and the local businesses that offered to help sell tickets.

Finally, a huge thank you to the O'Malley's and their staff, who went above and beyond to show their support to United Way of Halton Hills and our community, and the tireless committee members who thought of every detail. We are fortunate to have such caring and generous people who are making a difference in Halton Hills.

*Sincerely,
Janet Foster
Executive Director,
United Way of Halton Hills*

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