

Not all characters comical

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"If you ever sit in a car and look at people, most people are miserable. There's something enchanting about seeing someone glow."

Not all of her sculptures are joyful or comical. Some reflect life's hardships.

One such piece is an old lady sitting on a clock. In her hands she holds pieces of a clock. Ms Kawalez sculpted it during a prolonged illness her husband was suffering.

"(It) reflected how I felt. My husband being sick made me feel old," she said, adding that, "A lot of pieces reflect how I feel or what I need in my own life."

The perspective of an artist toward her own work is two-fold, Ms Kawalez said.

"When I finish a piece, for the first minute I'm so proud and after that, it's 'Hmmm, it's not that good.' It's so sad, because that moment of glory is just for a minute."

But, she said, it's that perfectionism that makes an artist's work improve.

Ms Kawalez first began sculpting as a child, but that passion got left behind when she grew up.

"When I got older, I forgot the things I loved in life and had to find them again," she said. "Hopefully now I'm heading in the right direction."

To view Ms Kawalez's artwork, visit her site at www.whimsicalgallery.com.

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Mountsberg gives a hoot

Getting sick of staying in and watching videos?

Mountsberg Wildlife Centre is offering the unique opportunity to see owls up close at its annual Owl Prowl event held in the evenings today, tomorrow, January 27 and 28.

This program will introduce participants to the world of owls and offers a unique venue to learn about their many interesting habits.

There are two programs, one geared to adults and one to families. The program for adults and older children takes place at 7 p.m. today and January 27. It offers

a slide show, a visit with live owls and a walk through the woods to 'hoot' for owls.

The family program — for families with younger children — takes place at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow and January 28 and features a puppet show in place of the slide show.

Admission costs \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 14 and younger. Tickets are available in advance by calling (905) 854-2276. Mountsberg is located on Milborough Line, five kilometres west of Campbellville between Guelph Line and Hwy. 6.



The Regional Municipality of Halton

Do you have Greenlands (ecologically sensitive areas) or woodlots larger than 0.5ha on your property?

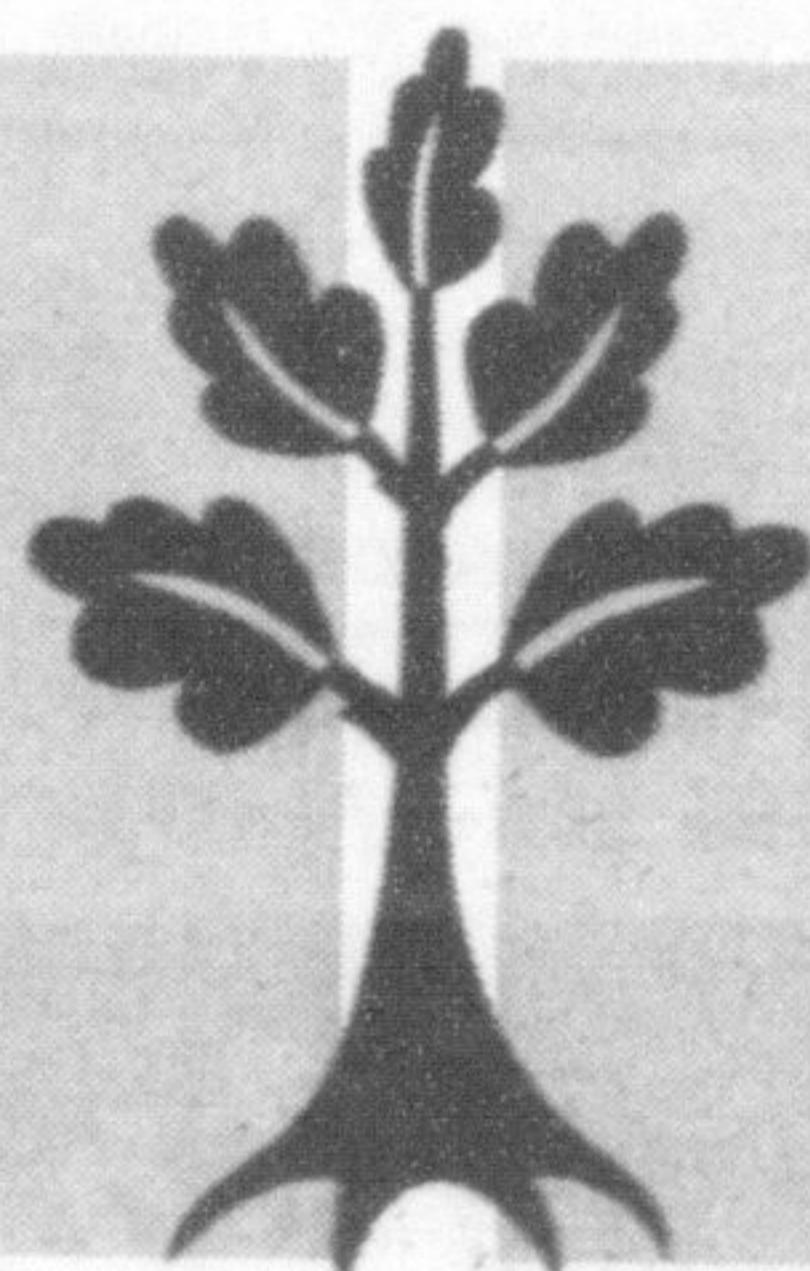
Come and learn about Halton Region's new Tree By-law

Join Halton Regional staff and a Registered Professional Forester at one of our two informative drop-in sessions to learn about Halton Region's new Tree By-law.

Open House Session 1

Tuesday, January 31, 2006
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Halton Regional Centre
1151 Bronte Road, Oakville
North Auditorium
(use north entrance)



Open House Session 2

Thursday, February 2, 2006
6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Milton Sports Centre, Room 2
605 Santa Maria Blvd., Milton
(off Derry Road, just west of Ontario St.)

Learn about the benefits of practicing good forestry and receive information on how you can maximize the value of your woodlot!

The Tree By-law, finalized after nearly two years of development and extensive consultation with the community, applies to trees located in Greenlands or Woodlands larger than 0.5 hectares and is primarily designed to prevent unauthorized clear cutting in Halton Region.

Residents can pick up a copy of by-law 121-05 on Halton's website or at the Halton Citizen's Reference Library at the Regional Administration Building at 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville or contact Halton Region for more information.

New User Fees at the HWMS

On February 6, 2006, Halton Region will be changing some of its user fees at the Halton Waste Management Site (HWMS). Updating these user fees will more closely align Halton's fee structure with the surrounding marketplace and support our efforts to keep up with the increased demand for HWMS services.

Thanks to your hard work, Halton has one of the highest diversion rates in the GTA, with almost 42 per cent of all residential waste being diverted away from our landfill. With your cooperation, we will continue to maximize the efficiencies in managing Halton's waste.

To find out more about the changes to the HWMS user fees, please visit our website at www.halton.ca



Chairman
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Halton Regional Meeting Schedule

January 18 9:30 a.m. - Regional Council

Christmas Tree Collection for Urban Areas of Milton

A change to the Christmas tree collection.

Due to the high volumes of waste after New Year's Day, collection of Christmas trees did not take place the week of January 2-6.

Before you place your tree at the curb, make sure it is ready to be recycled. Please remove decorations, bags and wires, and place your tree at the curb before 7:00 a.m. of your collection day (same day as your Blue Box collection). Please ensure Christmas trees are not frozen or buried in snow banks on your scheduled collection day.

January 2006

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7
9	10	11 B	12	13	14
16	17	18 A	19	20	21
23	24	25 B	26	27	28
29	30	31			

Look for your 2006 Waste Management Calendar to be delivered to your mailbox mid-January 2006

Winter Tips for Setting Out Your Waste

- Place ALL items at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day, but not before 5:00 p.m. the evening before.
- In one Blue Box, place loose glass bottles and jars, metal food and beverage containers, aluminum foil, styrofoam, plastic bottles and polycoat.
- In a second Blue Box flatten and place corrugated cardboard, fine paper, boxboard and newspapers.
- Tie cardboard in bundles no larger than 30"x30"x8" (76cm x 76cm x 20cm).
- To save space, crush pop cans, large plastic bottles and beverage cartons, and fill boxboard boxes with other boxboard items.
- On windy days, place your Blue Boxes out for collection on the morning of collection day by 7:00 a.m., instead of the night before.
- Stack your Blue Boxes on top of one another and place heavier items on top to prevent papers from blowing away.
- Place garbage bags/containers on one side of the driveway and Blue Boxes on the other side of the driveway.
- Keep waste items clear of snow and visible to collect. Do not place items on top of snowbanks.