

Milton recognized for Eco Tech Village, meter projects

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The City of Burlington was recognized for its anti-idling bylaw and school Harbour Day events. The bylaw came into effect last year after a public awareness campaign was launched in 2003.

"The anti-idling campaign is such a simple thing each and every one of us can do," said Burlington Councillor Joan Lougheed, who accepted the award.

It was the Town of Oakville's Environmental Strategic Plan that garnered it an award. The plan includes a list of recommended actions to improve the town's environment.

"The plan recognizes our quality of life rests on our quality of environment," Penman said.

Accepting the award was Oakville Mayor Ann Mulvale, who said residents are no longer expecting the government alone to care for the environment, but are forming groups and taking action themselves.

She said encouragement and education have been better

tools to get residents on board than more legislation "to bang people over the head."

Milton was recognized for its Eco Tech Village project designed for the Sherwood Survey and its Smart Hydro Meter project.

The Eco Tech Village aims to promote residential living based on environmental sustainability, energy efficiency and ecological sensitivity.

As for the Smart Hydro Meter program, Milton Hydro began installing the meters in new homes in 2004 as well as retrofitting older homes. They're designed to enable customers to evaluate their consumption and strategize and implement conservation measures.

Halton Hills was applauded for its irrigation monitoring program installed by the parks department to conserve water. Watering takes place only when and where it's necessary.

"In Halton Hills, we're on a well and stream-based system,

so it's important to monitor our water use," said Councillor Clark Somerville.

Also recognized were the Ontario Ministry of the Environment for its Clean Water Act and the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for its Greenbelt Act.

Education Conservation Awards went to the Willow Park Ecology Steering Committee in Halton Hills and Milton's Holy Rosary School for the creation of its Peace Garden.

The garden, which took two years to plant, backs onto the Sixteen Mile Creek channel and provides kids with a quiet place to think and learn about nature, and residents with a place to go for a stroll.

Carol Cowan, principal at Holy Rosary, urged those at the awards to discover the garden for themselves. "Please come and visit our garden. It's beautiful."

The education awards portion also recognized participants of the Yellow Fish Road program, in which fish are painted around storm drains to remind people that whatever goes into the sewer ends up in creeks and streams.

Participants were: Oakville's Teen Adventure Program, Pesticide Alternatives for Milton, Country Heritage Park, Campbellville's Tyandaga District Girl Guides and E.W. Foster Public School.

Oakville's Omron Dualtec Automotive Electronics Inc. was presented with the Corporate Award for its new 'green' building certified under LEED-Canada (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

Added posthumously to the Ralph Sherwood Conservation Honour Roll, for individuals who have made notable contributions to the environment, were Oakville's Robert Marshall, Burlington's Ray Bryant and Barry Humphrey and Milton's Carl Martin.

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Air show at park Sun.

The Oakville Model Flying Club will hold its 11th annual air show Sunday as part of 50th anniversary celebrations.

The event will take place at Drumquin Park from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Miltonians are invited to enjoy a day out watching sailplanes, war bird flybys and rockets. Events will include acrobatics and combat, and there'll also be a chance for visitors to try their hand at flying the model planes under the supervision of qualified instructors.

Admission is free, but the club is asking visitors for donations of food or money for the local food bank.

Drumquin Park is located on Britannia Road, just west of Trafalgar Road.



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