

Mother and daughter bond through passion for dancing

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ed to the role of a tourist, since parents aren't allowed to watch the training sessions.

It was three years ago that — after supporting Brianna in all her dance endeavours, and giving her the confidence and encouragement she needed — the tables turned for

Wendy. It became Brianna's turn to support and encourage her mom.

Although Wendy had danced since she was three years old, it fell by the wayside when she began attending university. When she jokingly told her daughter they should perform a duet, Brianna picked up on the idea and that's exactly what they did.

Now, dance is once again a big part of Wendy's life, with the ever-calm Brianna often soothing her nerves before a performance.

Needless to say, sharing dance as a passion has brought both mother and daughter even closer together at a time when many such relationships are strained.

For that, Wendy said she's extremely grateful.

"Not a lot of moms with 15-year-old daughters even talk to them, let alone dance with them."

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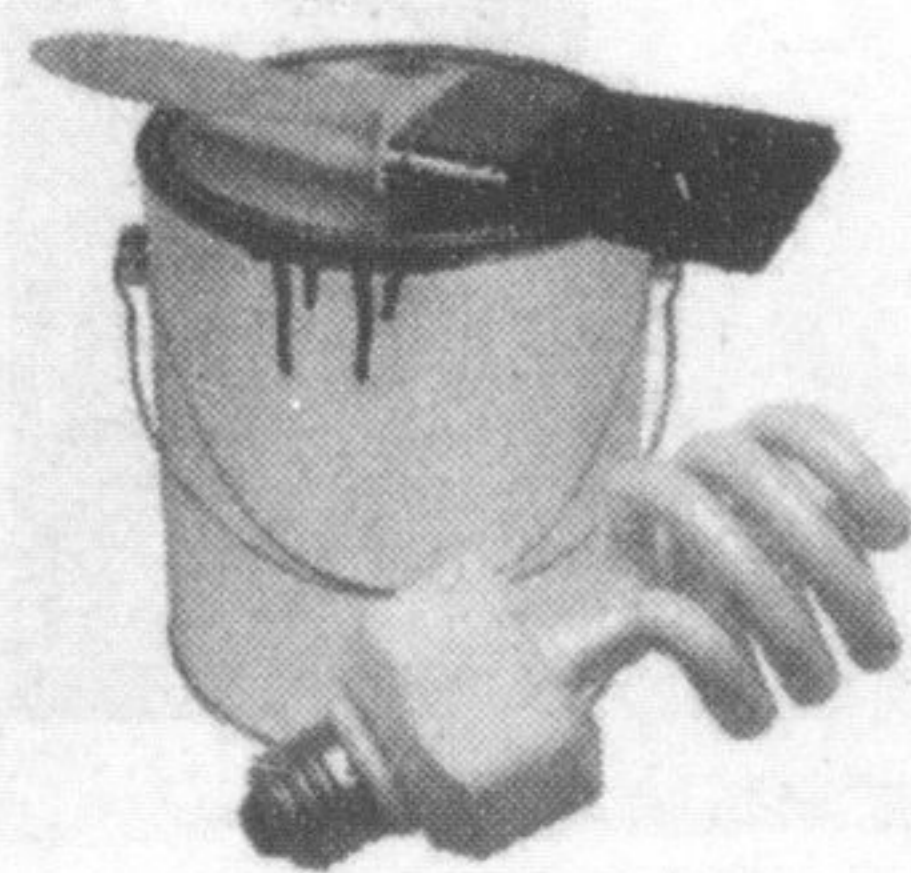
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This Earth Day, before putting items in the garbage, think of ways to reduce, reuse and recycle your waste.



Plastic grocery bags don't go in the Blue Box. Use a reusable bag or bin for shopping instead of accepting plastic bags. Or, instead of throwing plastic bags in the garbage, take them back to your local grocery store — many grocery stores have a bin to collect clean plastic grocery bags for recycling.

Return your liquor bottles (glass and plastic), Tetra-Pak® and Bag-in-Box containers to The Beer Store to receive your cash deposit. This is another way to increase the amount of bottles being recycled. By returning bottles to The Beer Store you free up space in your Blue Box which means you'll have more room to recycle other materials around your home.



Household hazardous waste — paint, varsol, stains, car oils, cleaners, pesticides, and solvents — should not be poured down the drain because they can contaminate our drinking water. If you put them in the garbage, they could actually mix together and catch on fire or explode! Bring your household hazardous waste — which also includes batteries and compact fluorescent light bulbs — to the Household Hazardous Waste Depot at the Halton Waste Management Site, where it can be properly refined, recycled or disposed of. This is free for residents.

If you've been spring cleaning in your closets, don't throw away unwanted clothes, books, toys, linens, paired shoes, kitchenware and undamaged furniture. Give them to a reuse charity so others can enjoy them. There's a Salvation Army drop-off located at the Halton Waste Management Site; for a list of other reuse charities in Halton, visit www.halton.ca/waste.



Remember, every day is Earth Day!

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Halton Region's 2007-2010 Draft Strategic Plan & 2008 Draft Actions

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2007
5:30-7:30 P.M.

HALTON REGIONAL CENTRE, CAFETERIA,
1151 BRONTE ROAD, OAKVILLE

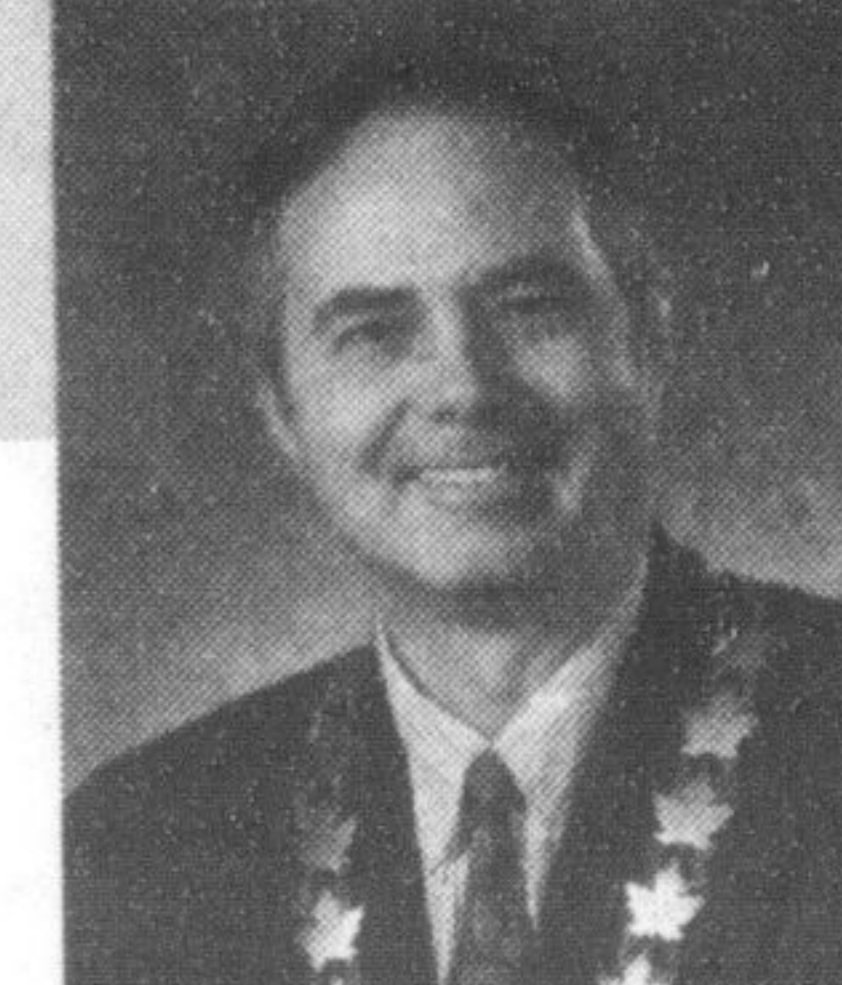
Halton Region's 2007-2010 Strategic Plan sets out Regional Council's vision for the next four years. Annual actions are developed by staff to support Council's priorities as identified by the themes and goals in the Strategic Plan. Comments received by May 4th will be shared with Regional Council for consideration at its meeting on May 30th.

Additional information is available at:
www.halton.ca/stratplan

An environmental Adventure for the Bell/Chairman's Breakfast

On Friday April 20, 2007, I will host the fourth "Bell/Chairman's Breakfast On The Environment". This year's keynote speaker, Jeff MacInnis, will deliver a "must-see" multimedia presentation using National Geographic images and television footage, so the audience "lives" the adventure and gains valuable insight into corporate and personal performance.

The breakfast will be held at Rattlesnake Point Golf Club, 5407 Regional Road 25 in Milton, between 7-9 a.m. Individual tickets for the breakfast are \$40, or tables of 10 are available for \$400. Registration forms for the "Bell/Chairman's Breakfast On The Environment" are available on-line at www.halton.ca, by calling Halton Region at 905-825-6000, or toll-free at 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866).



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Halton Regional Meeting Schedule
April 18 9:30 a.m. - Regional Council