

COMMUNITY



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TASTY FUNDRAISER: Ten-year-old Paige Stokes prepares her hot dog while Rotary Club of Milton's Vino Khimasia shows a few ShelterBox info pamphlets during the club's fundraising barbecue in support of its ShelterBox-Haiti relief efforts outside of The Brick on Maple Avenue Saturday. Khimasia recently secured a \$1,000 donation from Cisco Systems to help earthquake-ravaged Haiti. The fundraiser provides ShelterBox kits — each including a 10-person tent, sleeping bags, a multi-fuel stove and water purification equipment — to the earthquake victims.

Organizations team up in Halton Hikes

Are you looking to get more active?

Active Halton and Conservation Halton (CH) are working together on CH's region-wide walking/hiking initiative called Halton Hikes, Footsteps for Trees.

Organizations are encouraged to take part in a group walk or hike in June — you pick the time and location, and Active Halton will pro-

vide the training, tools and prizes.

CH will plant a tree for every 10,000 steps taken, so be sure to track and log your steps.

It's Active Halton's goal to increase the number of Halton residents who are active on a regular basis. Currently, only half local residents are active enough to maintain health, the group reports.

Since walking or hiking is free,

it's the ideal exercise — and doing it just 30 minutes each day is enough to see improved health.

Anyone interested in leading a walk and promoting it within their organization should call Tracy Hasselfeldt at (905) 878-7946, ext. 2706, or email her at tracy.hasselfeldt@milton.ca.

For more information, visit www.haltonhikes.ca.

Plant tree at Mill Pond

Community planting slated for May 29

Those who enjoy regular visits to the Mill Pond know it's a special place.

To help keep its surrounding trails beautiful for the future, volunteers are being sought for Community Planting Day on Saturday, May 29.

Participants should register before Friday by submitting the volunteer application form found at www.milton.ca.

The day of the event, the Mill Pond gazebo will serve as the meeting point for volunteers, who should arrive by 8:30 a.m. Planting is expected to end at 11 a.m. Parking is available at Rotary Park.

"Community Planting Day is part of a maintenance program for the Jaycee Trail, Livingston Park and other municipally-owned

lands in the area," said Mayor Gord Krantz. "Replanting allows the Town to preserve the area's natural beauty and provide leisure trails that the community can enjoy for years to come."

Participants should bring their own gloves, shovels, sturdy footwear, weather-appropriate clothing, water, sunscreen and bug spray.

Volunteers will help rehabilitate the trails by replanting a variety of trees in clusters — a technique known as nucleation planting. This technique adds to the stability of the pond banks and nearby trails and provides a visually-appealing landscape.

The replanting will include a mix of native species and also black willows, which thrive in high-moisture environments and will add to the heritage look and feel of Jaycee Trail.

For more information, visit www.milton.ca or call (905) 878-7252, ext. 2211.

Fundraising ride this Friday

E.C. Drury students will pedal with all their might Friday in hopes of making life a bit easier for some special children and their families.

The high school will host its third annual Inside Ride fundraiser — developed by the Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation — from 10 a.m. to noon, with all proceeds being passed on to children fighting cancer and their families.

The event is being dedicated to the late Jeff Roy, an E.C. Drury student who recently passed away of cancer.

About 150 students and volun-

teers — including a team of local firefighters — will participate in the indoor cycling challenge.

Prizes will be awarded for spirit, best costume, highest fundraising and longest distance ridden.

This is part of the school's Leave a Legacy Day, in which Grade 12 students are challenged to do something that they can leave as a legacy to the school.

Local businesses interested in entering a team can contact Laura Holms at (905) 878-0575, ext. 248 or holmsl@hdsb.ca.

Online donations can be made at ecdrury.theinsideride.com.

Budget Meeting Education Funding in Halton

The Halton District School Board invites members of the public to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss the Board's 2010-2011 budget.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information regarding education funding in Halton. Members of the public are welcome to attend one of the following meetings. All meetings will be held from 7-9 p.m.

Thursday, May 20, 2010
E.C. Drury High School
215 Ontario Street South
Milton, Ontario
(Room H201)

Tuesday, May 25, 2010
Silver Creek Public School
170 Eaton Street
Georgetown, Ontario
(Gymnasium)

Thursday, June 3, 2010
M.M. Robinson High School
2425 Upper Middle Road
Burlington, Ontario
(Theatre)



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