

Hydro will light park for free

Let there be light, says Milton Hydro. And they've backed the statement with money. The company has offered to pay up to \$35,000 to install lights throughout Victoria Park as part of the electric company's 75th anniversary celebrations.

The good news was tempered somewhat Monday night at town council's general committee meeting by the fact that some other funds will not be available, at least in the short term, to dress up the park. To date only \$24,000 of the \$100,000

the Town has set aside for the park has been spent. The completion of park landscaping, which includes a new bandshell, trees and other general improvements, "is predicated on significant financial assistance from the province," town administrator Roy Main said, "which has not been forthcoming."

The Town has been informed the province will not pay for tree planting through any grant, and that they must re-apply to possibly obtain financial assistance for the bandshell project.

Originally the Town had applied for the Meeting Hall grant of \$320,000 and funds for the adjacent park at the same time. The hall was approved, but the park applications are dead in the water.

Still, the Town will use available funds to tender for further park development, which will include removing nine trees and planting 12 new ones in the King St. area and the southwest corner of the park.

Also, staff will begin considering re-aligning the existing park walkway, and putting down a stone-chip walk in its place. Town staff are expected to do the work at a cost of \$5,000.

On a related note, the field artillery piece, which was once a park landmark, has been refurbished and will be re-installed when final expansion of the cenotaph plot has been designed.

Grass fires in season

The spring of the year is better known as grass fire season to Milton Fire Department.

Traditionally, as the ground dries and the weather gets warmer, more people who live rurally are out burning grass, brush and scrap building material. But this can be a dangerous proposition, says Roger Clement, fire prevention inspector with the Milton Department.

"People don't realize how easy it is for a fire to get out of control," said Mr. Clement.

"Anyone thinking about doing any burning should contact the fire department and obtain a burning permit. We will come out and inspect the site before we authorize the permit."

Burning without a permit could result in hefty fines. For more information contact Mr. Clement at Milton Fire Department 878-9251.



Tour of duty?

British cadets got the royal treatment from Mayor Gord Krantz last Wednesday during a tour of town hall. The four visitors from left: Lee Williams, Michael Beltrami, Ben Barlow and (front) Stuart Cook took in other sights in the area including the CN Tower. They returned home this week after visiting with local army cadets. Their Milton counterparts will be in Britain this summer.



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Community Notebook

Slide into Spring: Artist Cathie Belyea will present three audio-visual shows at Halton Region Museum this evening at 7:30 p.m. as the Friends of the Museum celebrate the coming of spring. The expert in close-up photography will cover a range of images through the shows entitled *Wildflowers*, *Steam Fair*, and *Spiderscape*. Admission is free. For information call 875-2200.

Sportsmen's Breakfast: The 8th annual Halton Sportsmen's Association Breakfast is slated for Saturday from 6 a.m. to noon. All proceeds from the breakfast feast go to Milton District Hospital. The event will be held at the clubhouse on Steeles Ave. east of Appleby Line.

Moms Wind Up: Hockey season is over and Milton Hockey Moms are celebrating with a dance Saturday at the Legion on Charles Street from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are available at \$15 per couple from Jane Gillies at 878-9677 and Pat Haringa at 878-1124. The Moms will have their annual pot luck supper at Lions Club Hall next Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. All moms are welcome.

Musical Lunch: There will be another Noon Hour Concert at Milton Public Library, Wednesday April 20 beginning at noon. Tickets are available at the library at a cost of \$3 to adults and \$2 to seniors and students. The second concert of this year will feature the Kelso Trio: mezzo soprano Joan Fox; Mari Kilpalainen, a flautist and a Rotary exchange student from Finland; recitations by Kathleen West; and jazz saxophonist Glen Wicks. Coffee is served at the library at 11:45 p.m. to concert goers.

Good Listener? SASH, the Sexual Assault Services of Halton is looking for volunteers to work on their crisis phone lines. Volunteers will be trained to work with the victims of sexual assault. The crisis lines are essentially a listening and referral service, not a counselling service. Candidates should be good listeners, capable of sympathetic response as they are often the first contacts for victims. An eight-week training course is involved, requiring a one-night commitment per week. The course starts May 10. Those interested should call SASH at 875-1555.

Volunteer Reception: The Regional Municipality of Halton will host a reception for volunteers at region headquarters, Bronte Road, Tuesday April 19 at 8 p.m. Guest speaker will be Nina Truscott, president of the Burlington Cultural Centre. Volunteers who plan to attend are asked to call the North Halton Volunteer Centre at 876-4756. The local volunteer appreciation night funded by the Town of Milton will be held the following evening at the Optimist Centre, Commercial Street.

PC's Annual: The Ontario Progressive Conservative Association of Halton North will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday April 20 at the Bayrischer-Hof Restaurant, 324 Steeles Ave. The new executive will be installed and a new constitution adopted. For more information contact Ted Hilton, Acton area president at (519) 853-3208.

Smokers' Countdown: For those who are smoking more and enjoying it less, Halton Lung Association offers Countdown, a seven-session, five-week taper-off smoking cessation clinic. The next session will be held at Milton District Hospital from April 26 to May 26 from 7-8:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday and every Thursday. Enrollment is limited. To register call 632-8499.

Living with Cancer: A discussion group for cancer patients and their families will meet at St. Paul's United Church, 123 Main St. at 7:30 p.m. Thursday April 21. Discussions are led by health professionals and cover misconceptions regarding the disease and its treatment. They also give support in coping with the emotional and social problems often associated with cancer.

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