

Need good deed doers

Good deed doers have just one more week to register in Community Day, an event that will see volunteers doing tasks for those who can't on Saturday, May 1.

While the event is two weeks away, volunteers must register early in order for organizers to match them with activities. Already 70 have signed up for the day however as many as 125 volunteers are required to make the event a success.

Volunteers can offer to help in the morning or afternoon of Community Day or both and take part in a barbecue afterward at Victoria Park in front of town hall.

All it takes is a phone call to become part of this first-time event. Register to volunteer by calling 875-4636. That's also the number to call if you are a senior citizen or disabled resident with some odd jobs around the house that require a helping hand. The tasks could include painting, raking or repairing to name a few.

The event was the idea of the Volunteer Coordinator's Association of North Halton and was passed along to the local Good Neighbours committee for implementation. It's based on a program in the United States called "Christmas in April".

Community Day comes close of the heels of National Volunteer Week which begins this Sunday. It's meant to involve those who don't usually volunteer but feel they could donate one day a year to a good cause.



Charitable chomp

A canned food donation will get Subway customers a free six-inch sub Sunday afternoon during a nation-wide Food for Food drive. The event runs from 3 to 4:47 p.m. Here, Jamie Krone, local Subway owner takes a bite. The event will benefit the local Salvation Army food bank.

Luxury condos don't mix with townhouse plan: Penman

By ROB KELLY
The Champion

The developers of a downtown highrise condominium plan to build 72 starter home townhouses on the same property — at least at this early stage of the game — and that has some Milton councillors worried.

The townhouses could also be government subsidized homes, an agent for the developers told council's general committee Tuesday night. But when some resistance to that idea arose, it grew much fuzzier.

Referring to the existing condo

tower, called Village Parc on the Pond, Ward One councillor Brian Penman said, "what we have here is Milton's first foray into prestigious condominium development." Looking at Kathy Kinnear, a private planning consultant for the Glasco Group developers, he added, "what you're proposing beside it is in some ways the complete opposite."

Despite Mr. Penman's reservations, the committee approved beginning what will probably be a long process of attempting to gain various bureaucratic approvals for the project. Not before Ward Two councillor John Challinor had

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Fatal crash causes power blackout

By KAREN SMITH
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A single-vehicle crash in Milton Heights claimed the life of a Rockwood man early yesterday morning.

Shortly before 4 a.m., a resident contacted Halton police after hearing a loud bang followed by a power outage.

Police arrived and discovered a 1993 Chevrolet upside down in a driveway on Tremaine Road, south of No. 3 Sideroad.

"Two hydro poles were sheared off and (live) wires were hanging down on the vehicle," said Acting Staff Sergeant Frank Phillips.

The car's engine was still running and the vehicle was leaking gas. Firefighters at the scene took measures to prevent a blaze, police said, and the hydro was shut off.

The vehicle, occupied by only the driver, was travelling north on Tremaine Road when it went out of control and left the road, according to investigating officer Constable Mark Freeman.

The car crashed into a hydro pole, drove into a ditch, and hit another pole before coming to a stop.

About a dozen homes were without power for four hours after the collision, which caused damage to two poles and a transformer, said Dave Smith, a spokesman for Milton Hydro.

A few residences, which are fed power through the transformer, still had no hydro at 9:30 a.m. yesterday, but it was expected to be restored within an hour.

A 30-year-old man, who was found inside the car, was pronounced dead by a coroner at the scene. His name had not been released at press time, pending notice of next of kin.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.

Deaf woman suing for \$2.6 million

By KAREN SMITH
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A deaf woman and her family have launched a \$2.6 million lawsuit against the provincial government and a former school counsellor accused of fondling her, a jury heard Wednesday.

"Because he ruined my life, and he almost ruined my family's life," said the divorced, 35-year-old defending the civil action during her fourth day of cross-examination.

"I'm not in it for the money. I'm in it for my future, one which I don't have right now. He didn't teach me anything except sex and abuse."

Ronald Hackett, 56, of Wallenstein is charged with indecent assault in the case which began April 5 in Milton general division court.

Mr. Hackett was her guidance counsellor when she attended the provincially-run Ernest C. Drury School for the Deaf.

As a young teenager, she lived at his home after having trouble getting along with the girls in the

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NEWSLINES

Law carved in the ice

Next week Milton will formally pass a snow and ice clearing bylaw that requires residents to clean the sidewalks in front of their homes.

Homeowners will have 24 hours from the end of a snowfall to clean the walkways abutting their property. If they don't do so and somebody complains, they'll get a warning the first two times, then a fine.

Having a sidewalk clearing bylaw, and some enforcement of it, lessens municipal liability in case of an accident.

Town staff say they don't have the manpower to inspect the sidewalks for violators, but guarantee they will respond to complaints.

Mayor Gord Krantz said nobody should get their hopes up that the sidewalks will be uniformly cleaned once the bylaw is in place. "I'm here to tell you that's not going to happen."

"I'm prepared to back this in hopes most everybody will clear their sidewalk but I can assure you that not everyone will," Mr. Krantz added.

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