

Pest-proofing your home

If your home not only provides shelter for your family and pet dog - but also for frisky mice, boisterous birds and other unwanted critters, it's time to focus your energies on "pest-proofing."

So why did these little visitors decide to make themselves at home on your property? Many homeowners don't realize that an uncapped chimney, loose shingles or open vents are a tempting "welcome mat" for an assortment of wildlife.

Pest-proofing will not only help you get rid of these animals, but will also prevent other wildlife from taking up residence, becoming trapped or injured on your property. This is also a good time to make those repairs that have been on your list of things to do for as long as you can remember.

One of the simplest ways to keep away unwanted house guests is to block off any possible entry points. However, before you seal up these areas, make sure no animals are already settled in your home. If you discover any wildlife, contact your local humane society, or a nature or wildlife group for advice on how to safely return these animals to their habitat.

Sealing off entry points

Once you've ensured that your property is tenant-free, look for any areas that would provide easy entry. The roof is one of the most likely entrance ways for birds and other creatures, so check for missing shingles and decayed roof boards. In addition, keep tree branches clear of your roof to ensure that squirrels and raccoons are not using them to gain access to your property.

To make sure your roof does not become a penthouse suite for little critters, install a chimney cap. They are quite inexpensive and can be purchased from hardware stores or woodstove companies. After you've installed the chimney cap, monitor it regularly to make sure it does not become blocked or plugged with debris.

Once you've inspected the roof, it's time to return to ground level and check your home's exterior for cracks and holes. Don't disregard small openings too readily, since mice and insects can easily wiggle through them and settle in for an extended visit. Seal any openings that you discover. Don't forget to check for gaps around the windows as well.

Open areas under your house and deck can also lead to problems. Skunks are well-known for building their dens in these sites. Once you close off these areas, you can convert them into additional storage spaces.

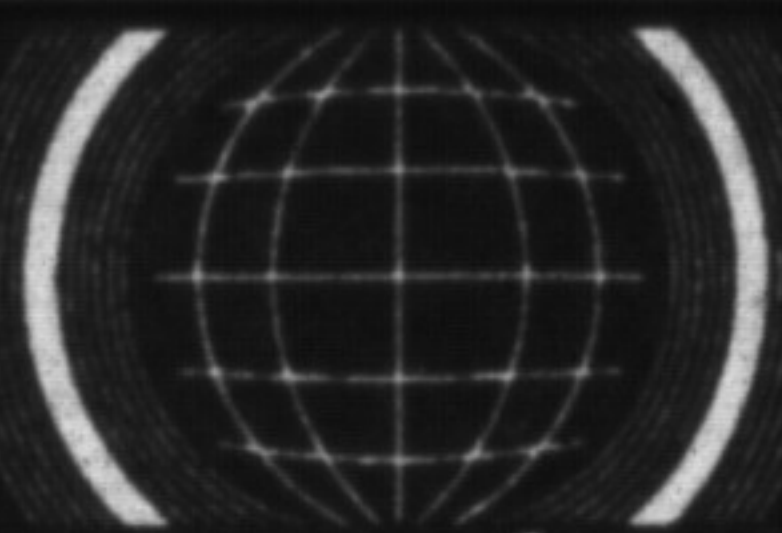
Garbage is particularly tempting for raccoons that won't think twice about venturing onto your property for a midnight snack. So, keep them away by making sure your garbage cans are securely closed. If possible, put the garbage out the day it is to be picked up, instead of a couple of days ahead of time.

Garden Protection

After you've inspected your home, take a look around your garden. You've probably already noticed signs that various creatures have been helping themselves to your fruits or vegetables. The culprits may include birds, rabbits, groundhogs, raccoons or other wildlife.

Ripening fruits will draw birds from near and far. Scarecrows will help keep them away - until they catch on that the scarecrows are harmless. For more long-lasting solutions, try placing netting over fruit trees, tying paper bags over ears of corn or building wire mesh bird cages over berry crops.

In addition to garbage, raccoons are tempted by insects such as lawn grubs. They enjoy fruit and corn as well. To catch those pesky visitors use a cage trap and then release them into the wild. Make sure you wear thick gloves and handle the cage very carefully, since they will be less than thrilled about being caught and moved around.



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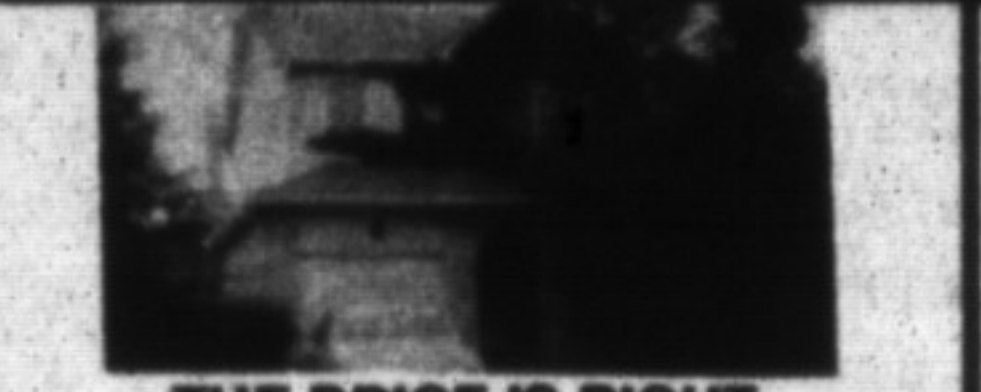
COUNTRY BUNGALOW

10 mins. from Milton on 3.48 AC., paved drive and landscaped with mature trees & shrubs. Large foyer, eat-in gallery style kitchen with light oak cupboards, fam. rm. with F.P. & w/o to deck, main floor laundry rm., 1.5 baths & attached 2-car garage. \$269,900. To view #67 please call Pats Cascon.



FAMILY FARM

151 acres of land, close to Burlington & Oakville with 4 quality adaptable farm buildings, presently used for beef cattle operation. Grant-style, turn of the century, 2-storey brick home. An excellent environment for the growing family. Call Jennie Fretz for more details, about #66 at 876-1133 (office) or 875-2727 (home).



THE PRICE IS RIGHT

For only \$167,900 you could be the proud owner of this 3 bdrm. home on Harvest Dr. Features include eat-in kitchen, separate dining room, formal living room, family room with fireplace, 2 washrooms, central vacuum, fin. lower level & fenced yard. Contact Bill Currie about #105



QUALITY

Custom built brick home on a large fenced & treed lot. Features include plaster walls, greenhouse kitchen, C/A, large cedar deck off family room, walkout from basement, ceramic, broadloom & cushion floors. This 2,500 sq. ft. home in a prestigious area is a "must" to see! \$298,000. Call Pats Cascon for your personal inspection of #99.



HELP PAY THE MORTGAGE

Three bedroom bungalow with legal non-conforming one bedroom basement apartment with separate entrance. Great investment opportunity. \$177,777. Call Linda Ertzy today for more information about #101.



FOUR BEDROOMS PLUS

Eat-in kitchen, combination L.R. & D.R., main floor family room with fireplace, main floor laundry, central air & vacuum, deck off living room, nice lot on quiet court near parkland. Listed at \$179,500. Call Bill Currie to view #100.



RIDGE DRIVE

Superb side split boasting four bedrooms, central air, large deck and many extra amenities. Price \$209,900. For more details contact W.J. (Jack) McCrudden, Broker, about #98



MCNABB CRES.

A great three bedroom bungalow with finished basement, fireplace and pool. Oh, yes - recently decorated. Price \$189,900. For more details contact W.J. (Jack) McCrudden, Broker, about #92



BUNGALOW BEAUTY

This attractive 3 bdrm. family home comes complete with a recreation room with a walk-out, a games/family room with a fireplace, central air conditioning, upgraded wood trim throughout. Asking \$204,900 for this lovely home on a quiet court. Call Wayne Cascon to view #91.



LOOKING TO MOVE UP?

I have a home in top top shape. It has 3 bedrooms, an eat-in kitchen, finished rec. room, air conditioning, hardwood floors and much more. Decorated beautifully. Reduced to \$179,900. Give Joan Tattre-Hollings a call to make your move easier. #63.



NO THROUGH TRAFFIC

REDUCED TO SELL \$189,900. 4 bdrms., 2 baths, eat-in kit. with upgraded cupboards, combo L.R. & D.R., F.R. with F.P., C/A, VG heated pool. Upgraded roof, kitchen & more. Located on a quiet court. Call Bill Currie for a complete list of upgrades. #27.



"BUONAVISTA"

Unique open concept multi-level home with great views in all directions. Formal dining room, country pine kitchen with B/I appliances & island, 20' x 40' pool & concrete deck. Lower level features sunken rec. room with w/o to patio & side yard, can be used as in-law suite. Professionally landscaped, partly wooded lot. Call Barbara Maltzer to view #67.



IDEAL COUNTRY SETTING - PLUS PRIVACY

Four acres in Halton Hills with beautiful majestic trees for shade & privacy. This large brick ranch-style home has four bdrms., 2 ensuites, large country eat-in kit., fin. rec. rm. with F.P., formal L.R. with F.P. and a private sundeck. Asking \$339,700. To view #73 please call Helen Hardy.



LARGE WORKSHOP +

Immaculate 4 bdrm. family home with large 26' x 40' dbk., extra large; detached garage, on 1 ac. Woodstove in rec. room, propane F/P in dining area, CV, paved lanes & more. Asking \$279,000. For your personal viewing call Jennie Fretz today at 875-2727 (home) or 876-1133 (office). #68.



WANT A BUNGALOW??

This three bedroom home has lots to offer at a price you can afford to pay. Fully finished basement with 4th bedroom. Single car garage. Asking \$154,900. Call Gladys Cranford to view #62.



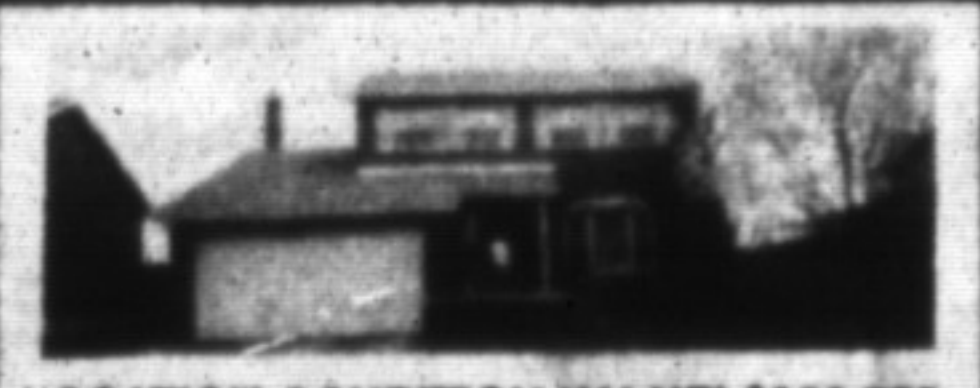
PARK-LIKE SETTING

Located near Kelso Conservation area this immaculate home offers 2+ bedrooms, large eat-in kitchen, separate dining room, formal living room, 4 pc. washroom, many upgrades and a super one acre lot! Yours for \$179,900. Call Bill Currie about #90.



CUSTOM BUILT BUNGALOW

This attractively built 3 bedroom bungalow comes complete with a large country kitchen, main floor family room with a fireplace, formal dining room, finished rec. room with a woodburning stove, wet bar, extra bedroom and 4 washrooms. Call Wayne Cascon to view this one listed at \$309,900. #64.



This lovely family home has a huge kitchen with w/o to sundeck & private yard, family room with brick F.P. & w/o to deck, 4 bdrms., semi ensuite, formal L.R. & D.R., 2 car garage, C/A, nicely landscaped. For more info. on #63 please call Helen Hardy!



DON'T BE A CHAUFFEUR

Let the kids walk to school from this 4 bdrm. home in Dorset Park. Fenced backyard with deck and storage shed. No neighbours behind, just wide open space. Now \$173,900. To view this gem give Jennie Fretz a call at 876-1133 (office) or 875-2727 (home) #76.



NOW ASKING \$179,900.

LOOK HERE if you are looking for a 3 bdrm. bungalow with an in-law apartment STOP looking and view this one listed by Wayne Cascon. This home comes complete with a gas F.P. and inground pool. #78



PEACEFUL COUNTRY - 100 ACRES

Located mins. from Milton & 401. Well maintained family farmhouse with sweeping view of countryside & pond. Good workable land, 2 barns, 2 implement sheds & 4 wells. Home features 8 rooms, C/A & new vinyl siding. Picture-perfect setting. Asking \$425,000. To view #74 please call Helen Hardy.



INCLUDES 30' X 60' OUTBUILDING

Located just N. of Campbellville, this renovated farmhouse offers 4 bdrms., 2 washrooms, large bright kitchen with B/I range & oven, separate dining room, huge family room with w/o to deck, hot tub & AV pool. Asking \$289,900. Call Bill Currie about #58.



QUAINT LOWVILLE VILLAGE

\$164,900. Excellent starter home, completely renovated in 1994. New carpets, new kitchen and new bathroom fixtures. 100 amp service. Very picturesque location. Call Don Pelz for complete details about #75.



SPECTACULAR ESTATE PROPERTY - \$749,500

Magnificent alternative in country lifestyle this 64 acre estate is located just N. of Milton with easy access to major thoroughfares. Principal residence is located well back from the road. The charm & warmth of the interior is enhanced by the large modern kit. & adjoining sun-drenched sitting room, 3 bdrms., 2 ensuites, formal L.R. & D.R., fam. rm. with stone F.P., VG pool & spa, Cabana with kitchen & 3 pc. bath. For your personal viewing of #60 please call Helen Hardy.



PLAN YOUR OWN COLOR SCHEME!

Spacious home recently built using approx. 500 sq. ft. of a home over 100 yrs. old. Bleached maple, custom built Krystal kitchen with butcher block island. Nestled in Rockwood village on a 66' x 132' lot this unique 2 story must be seen. \$259,000. To view #36 please call Joseph Fedacsek, Associate Broker.



WILSON DRIVE

Three bedrooms, eat-in kitchen, large rec. room, large master bedroom, fully fenced all for \$122,900. Contact W.J. (Jack) McCrudden, Broker, about #57.



\$244,900 - INVESTORS TAKE NOTE:

LEGAL NON-CONFORMING TRI-PLEX. Situated close to downtown Milton. Completely fenced back yard. Contact W.J. (Jack) McCrudden, Broker for complete details or to view #61.



JUST A GEM

This immaculate 3 bdrm. backdrop is in showroom condition. Features incl. spacious kitchen with 2 windows, L-shaped L.R. & D.R. with w/o to interlocking brick patio, F.R. with gas F.P., den or 4th bdrm., huge unspilled lower level & C/A. All this on large lot on small cres. NOW \$229,500. Call Bill Currie to view #56.



WHY RENT?

When you could own this lovely three bdrm. townhouse listed at only \$125,900. Features include master ensuite, fin. rec. room and a walkout to private yard. To view #67 please call Trish Fitzsimmons.



WALK TO GO STATION - NOW \$162,900

Older home in mature area of Georgetown. Large fenced-in yard with 2 storage sheds & garden. 3 bdrm, 2 story home with upgraded cupboards in kitchen, most rooms newly painted, beautifully finished hardwood floor in master bdrm. To view #18 please call Linda McHugh.



TIMBERLEA TREAT

Contact Bill Currie to view this attractive 3 bdrm. home on Anderson Ave. Features include eat-in kit. overlooking Family rm. with F.P. & w/o, combo L.R. & D.R., 3 washrooms, unspilled lower level, C/A, CV, VG pool on a super lot. Yours for \$227,500. #95.



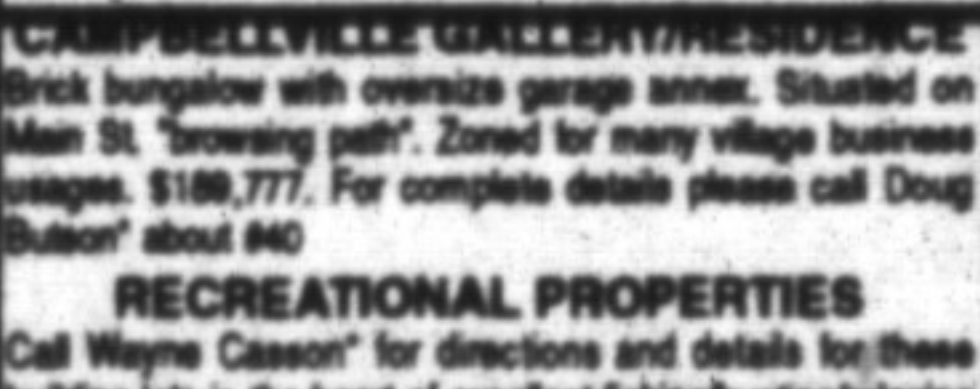
GET MORE THAN YOU EXPECT!

Completely upgraded & decorated in neutral tones, this lovely country home features 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, fin. basement, 2-car garage, ceramic & hardwood, tile & stone F.P. To view #10 please call Helen Hardy.



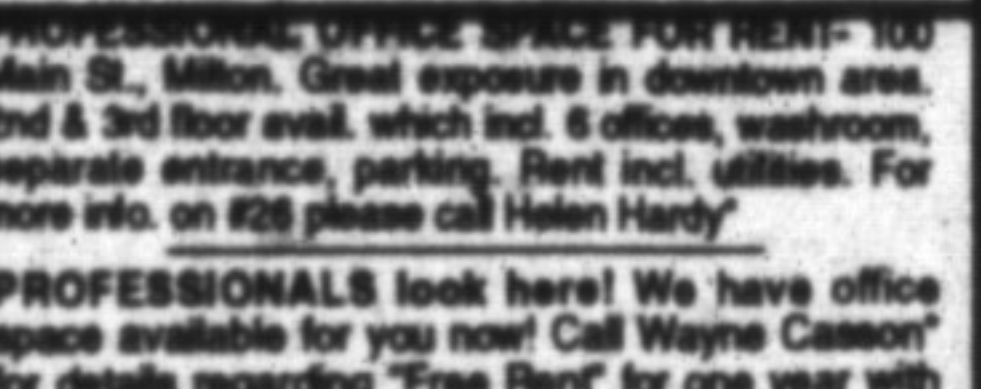
AUTHENTIC HOME

Quiet serene setting on Niagara Escarpment. Approx. 6,000 sq. ft. of elegant living space. Quality workmanship & materials throughout. Indoor & outdoor B.B.Q.'s. Large heated IG pool with cabana. Nermy suite & much more. Greatly reduced, now priced at \$797,000. Call Jennie Fretz at 876-1133 (office) or 875-2727 (home) to view #127.



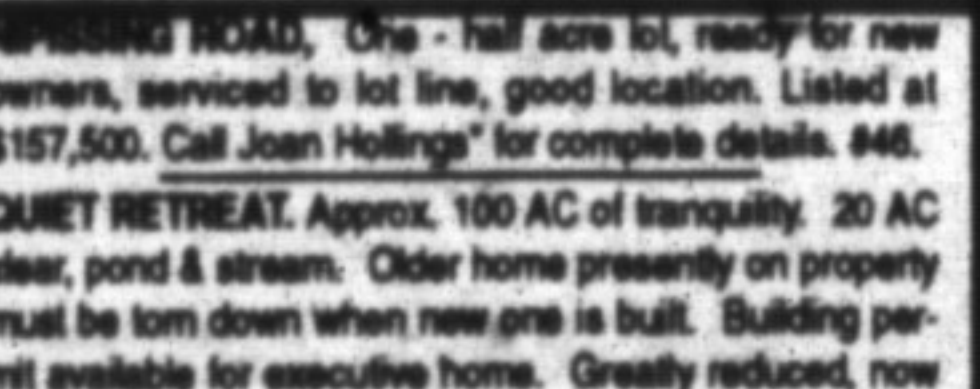
RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES

Call Wayne Cascon for directions and details for these building lots in the heart of excellent fishing/hunting/hunting community only a 2-1/2 hour drive from Toronto. From two acres on the Cops River starting at \$68,900. #90.



STORE FRONT

Situated in an ideal location. Approx. 2,000 sq. ft. Vendor will divide if nec. Basement available for extra storage. \$1,200/month. Contact W.J. (Jack) McCrudden, Broker.



PROFESSIONAL OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

100 Main St., Milton. Great exposure in downtown area. 2nd & 3rd floor avail. which incl. 6 offices, washroom, separate entrance, parking. Rent incl. utilities. For more info. on #26 please call Helen Hardy.

MISSISSAUGA ROAD, One - half acre lot, ready for new owners, serviced to lot line, good location. Listed at \$157,500. Call Joan Hollings for complete details. #46.

QUIET RETREAT. Approx. 100 AC of tranquility. 20 AC clear, pond & stream. Older home presently on property must be torn down when new one is built. Building permit available for executive home. Greatly reduced, now priced at only \$397,000. Call Jennie Fretz at 876-1133 (office) or 875-2727 (home). #126

PORT ALBERT, 66' x 200'. Vacant lot in a nice subdivision, 5 mins. from the water, listed at only \$17,500 and vendor willing to hold mortgage with reg. terms. Call Joan Hollings for complete details #70.

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We have office space available for you now! Call Wayne Cascon for details regarding "Free Rent" for one year with a five year lease. Loads of parking and high traffic area. #21.

COMMERCIAL RETAIL

1,450 sq. ft. Unspilled ready for you to start your new business. High traffic, Main Street exposure. Available immediately for your set up. Asking \$5.50 sq. ft. Call Wayne Cascon for details about #29.

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