



Halton Environmental Network

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HEN NEWS

- We will be holding a **Renewable Energy Fair** at the Halton Regional Centre on Saturday, September 11 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Exhibits by solar and geothermal businesses. Workshops on solar PV, solar hot water and pool systems, and geothermal systems throughout the afternoon. Free energy conservation kits and tips. Open to the public and free to attend. For details, visit our home page.
- To **volunteer** to help at the event, 12:00 - 4:30, contact us as above. Volunteer hours will be given.
- The 2011 Halton Enviro Guide is now in production. **Environmentally-friendly businesses operating in Halton are invited to list in the guide.** Visit the Enviro Guide page on our website.

ENVIRO TIP

- Check your house for phantom loads. Look for a red or green light – that means power is flowing to that device. Other phantoms are those with “instant on” functions, such as televisions and computer monitors, and recharging devices. To **reduce phantom power**, use power bars and turn them off when not in use or set them on a timer. [source: York Region Environmental Alliance]

EVENTS (N=new entry, U=updated entry, F=family activity, V=volunteer activity)

Disclaimer: HEN does not take a position on the issues presented at these events. They are listed as events that are potentially of interest to our readership.

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WHEN	WHO	WHAT	WHERE	LINK/PHONE
Sept. 11-12	Friends of the Greenbelt	Tour de Greenbelt	Niagara Region	www.tourdegreenbelt.ca
Sat. Sept. 11 9:00 a.m.	Credit Valley Conservation	Electrofishing Volunteer Day	Silver Creek upstream of Hwy 7, Norval	www.creditvalleyca.ca 905-670-1615 ext. 221 Register online
Sat. Sept. 11 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Naturally Inspired – photography workshop (beg.)	RBG Nature Centre, 16 Old Guelph Rd., Dundas	www.rbg.ca 1-800-694-4769 \$72; registration required
Sat. Sept. 11 9:30 a.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Autumn Wildflower Walks	RBG - Rock Chapel	www.rbg.ca 1-800-694-4769 \$10; registration required

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N F	Sat. Sept. 11 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Credit Valley Conservation	Amazing Flying Squirrels – Sabrina & Scooter	Terra Cotta Conservation Area, 14452 Winston Churchill	www.creditvalleyca.ca 905-670-1615 ext. 221 Park admission applies.
	Sat. Sept. 11 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	HEN	Renewable Energy Fair	Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville	http://halton.ourpower.ca hrrsp.admin@gmail.com 905-299-2327
	Sat. Sept. 11 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.		Oakville Green Drinks	Queen’s Head Pub, 118 Dunn St., Oakville	www.meetup.com/ecopartners
	Sun. Sept. 12 8:00 a.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Autumn Bird Walks	RBG – North Shore Trail	www.rbg.ca 1-800-694-4769 \$10; registration required
U	Sun. Sept. 12 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Credit Valley Conservation	Controlling Invasives on your Property	Terra Cotta Conservation Area, 14452 Winston Churchill	www.creditvalleyca.ca 905-670-1615 ext. 263 \$10; register online
F	Sun. Sept. 12 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	The Endangered Butternut Tree	RBG Nature Centre, 16 Old Guelph Rd., Dundas	www.rbg.ca 1-800-694-4769 \$10/person; \$25/family
N	Wed. Sept. 15 7:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.	Science for Peace	Climate Reality: Dr. James Hansen, Naomi Klein, more	McMillan Theatre, 80 Queen’s Park, Toronto	www.scienceforpeace.ca 416-978-3606
	Thur. Sept. 16		International Day for Preservation of the Ozone Layer		http://ozone.unep.org
	Thur. Sept. 16 5:00 p.m. for 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing	Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) 5 Year Review Workshop	Enoch Turner Schoolhouse, 106 Trinity St., Toronto	www.mah.gov.on.ca ppsreview@ontario.ca 1-877-711-8208 Register by Sept. 13
	Thur. Sept. 16 6:00 p.m. for 7:00 p.m.	Canadian Club of Halton Peel	Monthly dinner – “The Secret Lives of Birds” – Bridget Stutchbury	Oakville Conference Centre, 2515 Wycroft Rd., Oakville	bwylie@globalserv.net 905-827-6302 \$40
N	Thur. Sept. 16 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Halton Region	Compliance Issues for Charities and Non-Profits	Oakville Public Library, Central Branch	www.halton.ca 905-825-6000 ext. 7058 Register by Sept. 9
	Thur. Sept. 16 7:00 p.m.	BurlingtonGreen	“The Age of Stupid” screening	Burlington Central Library, 2331 New St.	www.burlingtongreen.org 905-466-2171 \$5
	Thur. Sept. 16 7:00 p.m.	Halton Green Screens	“No Impact Man”	Encore Cinema, 171 Speers Rd., Oakville	www.haltongreenscreens.ca Free.
	Sept. 17-18 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Halton Region	Fall Compost Giveaway	HWMS, 5400 Regional Road 25, Milton	www.halton.ca 3-1-1
U V	Sept. 18-26	Loblaw Companies Limited	Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup	Across Canada	www.shorelinecleanup.ca 1-877-427-2422
N V	Sat. Sept. 18 9:00 a.m.	Credit Valley Conservation	Help Protect Terra Cotta from Invasives work day	Terra Cotta Conservation Area, 14452 Winston Churchill	www.creditvalleyca.ca 905-670-1615 ext. 263 Register online

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N	Sat. Sept. 18 9:30 a.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Autumn Wildflower Walks	RBG – Hendrie Park	www.rbg.ca 1-800-694-4769 \$10; register by Sept. 9
	Sat. Sept. 18 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	GreenTrans	Car-Free Day	Centennial Square, Lakeshore & Navy Sts., Oakville	www.greentrans.org
	Sat. Sept. 18 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Hamilton Naturalists' Club	Stewardship Workshop: Leave a Natural Legacy	838 Mineral Springs Road, Ancaster	www.hamiltonnature.org 905-524-3339 Register by Sept. 14
N V	Sat. Sept. 18 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Bay Area Restoration Council	Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup in Cootes Paradise	Princess Point, Hamilton	www.hamiltonharbour.ca www.vanaqua.org/cleanup
N F	Sat. Sept. 18 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Natural Foods and Wild Edibles	RBG Centre, 680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington	www.rbg.ca 1-800-694-4769 \$28; register by Sept. 10
	Sat. Sept. 18 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Everdale Organic Farm	Carrot Fest	Everdale Farm, 5812 Sixth Line, Hillsburgh	www.everdale.org 519-855-4859 \$5/adult; children free
F	Sat. Sept. 18 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Family Fall Fun Night	RBG Centre, 680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington	www.rbg.ca 1-800-694-4769 \$12/person; \$30/family
N F	Sun. Sept. 19 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Conservation Halton	Indian Summer Festival	Crawford Lake Conservation Area, Campbellville	www.conservationhalton.ca 905-854-0234 Park admission applies.
	Sept. 20-21	Share the Road	Ontario Bike Summit	Holiday Inn Burlington, 3063 S. Service	www.sharetheroad.ca \$175 before Sept. 9
	Mon. Sept. 20 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Cold Frames and Season Extension Techniques	RBG Centre, 680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington	www.rbg.ca 1-800-694-4769 \$30; register by Sept. 11
	Tues. Sept. 21 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Heritage Trees – Preserving our Natural Roots	RBG Centre, 680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington	www.rbg.ca 1-800-694-4769 \$15; register by Sept. 12
	Wed. Sept. 22		International Car-Free Day		www.carfreeday.ca www.worldcarfreeday.net
N	Wed. Sept. 22 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	TD Friends of the Environment Foundation	Funding Opportunities breakfast	RBG Atrium, 680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington	tdfef@paradigmpr.ca 416-203-2223 ext. 232 Register by Sept. 15
	Sept. 25-26	Friends of the Greenbelt	Tour de Greenbelt	York, Durham Regions	www.tourdegreenbelt.ca
N	Sat. Sept. 25 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Halton Region	Special Waste Drop-off Day	Burlington Closed Landfill, 291 North Service Road	www.halton.ca 3-1-1
	Sat. Sept. 25 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Naturally Inspired – photography workshop (int.)	RBG Nature Centre, 16 Old Guelph Rd., Dundas	www.rbg.ca 1-800-694-4769 \$72; register by Sept. 16
N	Sat. Sept. 25 9:30 a.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Autumn Wildflower Walks	RBG – Hendrie Park	www.rbg.ca 1-800-694-4769 \$10; register by Sept. 16

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N	Sat. Sept. 25 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Everdale Organic Farm	Foraging for Wild Edibles	Everdale Farm, 5812 Sixth Line, Hillsburgh	www.everdale.org 519-855-4859 \$75
	Sat. Sept. 25 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Credit Valley Conservation	Nature Photography 101	Terra Cotta Conservation Area, 14452 Winston Churchill	www.creditvalleyca.ca 905-670-1615 ext. 221 Park admission applies.
	Sat. Sept. 25 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	The All You Can Eat Gardening Workshops	RBG Centre, 680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington	www.rbg.ca 1-800-694-4769 \$45; register by Sept. 16
	Sat. Sept. 25 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Fall Pruning Workshop	RBG Nature Centre, 16 Old Guelph Rd., Dundas	www.rbg.ca 1-800-694-4769 \$28; register by Sept. 16
F	Sat. Sept. 25 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Bay Area Restoration Council	Multicultural Waterfest	Bayfront Park boat launch, Hamilton	www.hamiltonharbour.ca 905-527-7111
N	Sun. Sept. 26 8:00 a.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Autumn Bird Walks	RBG – Hendrie Park	www.rbg.ca 1-800-694-4769 \$10; register by Sept. 17
N	Tues. Sept. 28 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Credit Valley Conservation	A Climate for Change – Low Impact Development	Mississauga Convention Centre, 75 Derry Rd. W.	www.creditvalleyca.ca 905-670-1615 \$65
N	Tues. Sept. 28 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	BurlingtonGreen	All Candidates' meeting	Mainway Arena, 4015 Mainway Dr., Burlington	www.burlingtongreen.org
	Sept.28-Oct.1	Halton Region & Conservation Halton	Halton Children's Water Festival	Kelso Conservation Area	www.hcwf.ca 905-336-1158 ext. 284
N	Sat. Oct. 2 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Build Your Own Cold Frame Workshop	RBG Centre, 680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington	www.rbg.ca 1-800-694-4769 \$130; register by Sept. 23
	Oct. 4-8		International Walk to School Week		www.iwalktoschool.org www.saferoutestoschool.ca
	Sun. Oct. 10	350.org	Global Work Party	International	http://putsolaron.it/ www.350.org
N	Tues. Oct. 12 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Oakvillegreen	All Candidates Meeting	Galaxy 707, 475 North Service Rd. E., Oakville	www.oakvillegreen.org
N	Wed. Oct. 13 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	United Way of Oakville	How to Write Effective Board Policies	Quality Suites, 754 Bronte Road, Oakville	www.uwoakville.org 905-825-6000 ext. 7058 \$35 before Oct. 1
	Thurs. Oct. 28 9:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	BurlingtonGreen	Imprints 2010 Youth Conference	RBG Centre, 680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington	www.burlingtongreen.org

HALTON NEWS

- This Saturday is the **Tomato Festival at the Harbourside Organic Farmers' Market** in Oakville. Activities include a Tomato Scavenger Hunt from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Also the Oakville Sustainable Food Partnership will be recognizing the Ontario Trillium Foundation for their support with a two-year grant. Email market@osfp.ca for more information.

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- **The Royal Botanical Gardens is opening its Veggie Village: 100 Mile Produce Gardens.** The garden is designed to demonstrate the ease of growing food while also illustrating the health and environmental benefits. Visitors are invited to take the Veg Pledge, helping to reduce CO₂ emissions. See story at <http://www.insidehalton.com/community/environment/article/871003>.
- **Looking for a healthy, beautiful place to live with like-minded folks on an organic farm?** Whole Village is a co-operative community situated in Caledon, just north of Halton. Private suites are available in a large eco-house with lots of common space. Visit <http://www.wholevillage.org> or call 519-941-1099 and attend a monthly orientation, tour, or work bee.
- Buy local produce and support local farmers at:
 - Acton Farmers' Market**, Willow St. between Mill and Church Sts. – Thursdays 3-7
 - Aldershot Farmers' Market**, 35 Plains Rd. E., Burlington –Sundays and Thursdays 8:00
 - Burlington Mall**, Guelph Line and Fairview St. – Wednesdays 8-2, Fridays 8-4, Saturdays 8-2
 - Georgetown Farmers' Market**, downtown Main St., Georgetown – Saturdays 8:30-1
 - Harbourside Organic Farmers' Market**, Navy St. & Lakeshore Rd., Oakville – Saturdays 9:30-2
 - Hopedale Mall**, Third Line and Rebecca St., Oakville, south of Zellers – Saturdays 8-2:30
 - Kerr Village Farmer's Market**, Heritage Square, 323 Kerr St., Oakville – Saturdays 9-1
 - Milton Farmers' Market**, downtown Main St., Milton – Saturdays 7-12
 - Oakville Place Farmers' Market**, Trafalgar Rd. at QEW, north parking lot – Thursdays 8-2

OTHER NEWS AND COMMENTARY

- **Pedal power takes off as exercise produces electricity!** Gyms are retrofitting their equipment to produce electricity in the U.S. and Canada. “You get \$1 off if you pedal your smoothie.” See <http://www.usatoday.com/communities/greenhouse/post/2010/08/pedal-power-green-gyms/1>.
- **New wind farms in Chatham-Kent-Essex are helping Ontario to phase out coal production.** This article outlines plans for Ontario's electricity generation and transmission facilities over the next 18 months. See <http://ckdp.ca/2010/08/25/making-coal-phase-out-easier/>.
- The City of Waterloo is **considering putting money into local community gardens for growing vegetables.** The annual budget of \$4,500 would pay for building the gardens, erecting signs, delivering water, and removing yard waste. Neighbours would plant, maintain, and harvest the plots. See story at <http://news.therecord.com/article/768517>.
- **Three big ideas for a more sustainable food system** were put forward at a recent meeting. One is paying farmers for environmental good and services, e.g. growing crops to feed song birds. Another is to relocalize the food system, e.g. having a section in the grocery store for locally grown food. The third is to connect eaters to farmers, e.g. through farmers' markets and food festivals. See story at <http://www.rotaryclubofguelph.com/news.php?id=427>.
- The Ontario Professional Planners Institute's 2010 symposium is **entitled *Healthy Communities and Planning for Food – A Harvest of Ideas***. It is being held in Guelph on October 28 & 29. For information, see <http://www.ontarioplanners.on.ca>.
- **George Monbiot comments on a book on veganism and farming, *Meat, A Benign Extravagance***, in this article at <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2010/sep/06/meat-production-veganism-deforestation>.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- HEN is looking for **volunteers for its Renewable Energy Fair** on Saturday, September 11 from 12:00 to 4:30 at the Halton Regional Centre. Volunteer hours will be given. Duties include set-up, tear-down, greeting visitors, staffing tables, and assisting vendors. Contact Amanda at here.office@gmail.com or 905-299-2327.
- For additional volunteer opportunities, see listings marked with a 'V' in the above calendar.

JOB POSTINGS

- HEN is looking for a **Project Assistant to help with the HERE! Halton Enablers of Renewable Energy project**. Funding is through the Youth Eco Internship Program. Applicants must be under age 30, not in school, and have a disability. This is a three-month full-time placement. The job is in downtown Oakville at an accessible location. The ideal applicant has an environmental studies degree, excellent communication skills, strong computer skills, and an interest in promoting renewable energy. Application deadline is Friday, September 10. Email here.office@gmail.com.
- To support BurlingtonGreen's new outreach eco-program for kids, and fulfill their objective to have "youth inspire youth to take action", they are looking for a high-school graduate or College/University student/graduate to be a **Go Green program Leader**. Part-time, 12 hours/week. Application deadline Friday, September 10. Visit <http://www.burlingtongreen.org>.
- The Greenbelt Fund has a number of job postings to promote the procurement of locally grown food. Application deadline is Friday, September 10. The Greenbelt fund is located in Toronto. See <http://www.greenbelt.ca/greenbelt-fund-opportunities>.
- For Climate's Sake (formerly known as Association for Canadian Educational Resources) is seeking an **Executive Director**. The goal is to expand existing community-based forest biodiversity monitoring activities and educational programs, strengthen and build partnerships within Ontario. Application deadline Wednesday, September 15. Contact acerinfo@rogers.com. See <http://www.acer-acre.org> for more information.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

- **The Oakville Community Foundation is accepting Letters of Intent** for its current granting round until Wednesday, September 15. Applicants for the Oakville Environmental Fund must provide environmental services or programs that directly benefit the Oakville community. For information, visit <http://www.theocf.org> or call Marlene Sibbett at 905-845-7841.
- **The September edition of the Sustainability Network Digest Ontario Edition is now available** at <http://sustainabilitynetworkcreatesend1.com/t/y/e/mudjry/iukliujuk/>. The Sustainability Network produces valuable resources for non-profit organizations.
- Grants are available for students and members of the non-profit conservation and environmental communities to attend the **A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium** this November 17-19. Application deadline is Friday, September 10. See http://www.latornell.ca/pdf/2010/latornell_grant_brochure_2010.pdf.