



Halton **Environmental** Network

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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HEN NEWS

- **The 2012 Halton Enviro Guides have arrived!** Come to our Enviro Guide release and fall networking event on Thursday, November 24 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Oakville Town Hall. Enviro Guides will be available for pick-up at the event, and we will be making a special announcement. Come and join in the celebration! All welcome. Light refreshments provided. RSVP to hen.admin@gmail.com or 905-299-2327.
- Our **third and final public introductory meeting on community power** will be held in conjunction with BurlingtonGreen's Annual General Meeting, *Burlington: Our Energy Future*, on Wednesday, November 30 at Burlington Main Library.
- See the **Events calendar** at the end of this bulletin for event details and links or visit our website calendar at <http://haltonenvironment.com/events/>.

SPONSOR'S CORNER

- **An Elf's Story** DVD/Blu-Ray is coming to Once Upon a Child Oakville on Saturday, November 26. *An Elf's Story* is based on the national best-seller, *The Elf on the Shelf*, and is airing on CBS for the first time on Friday, November 25. Reserve your copy at ouac_oak.miss@hotmail.com.
- Also, mark your calendar for Thursday, December 1 for OUAC's one day clearance blowout!
- Once Upon a Child Oakville is located at 2423 Trafalgar Road, just south of Dundas Street. Visit <http://www.onceuponachildoakville.com>.

HALTON NEWS

- Following up on last week's report, **Halton Regional Council has adopted the 2012-2016 Solid Waste Management Strategy**, with a goal of increasing the waste diversion rate in Halton to 65%. See <http://webaps.halton.ca/news/mediashow.cfm?MediaID=2011-11-16-02-52-49>.
- In order to reduce traffic congestion on regional roads within Halton, **Regional Council has approved the acceleration of certain planned road expansions by up to eight years**. See <http://webaps.halton.ca/news/mediashow.cfm?MediaID=2011-11-17-12-46-45>.
- Burlington's newest **fire station has achieved LEED silver status** for its environmental efficiency. See <http://www.insidehalton.com/news/article/1247227>.



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- Oakville Council has decided not to proceed with **expanding greenbelt lands in Oakville**, because greenbelt policies could allow for aggregate and agricultural operations in the urban area. See <http://www.insidehalton.com/news/article/1246250>.
- Congratulations to **Burlington Mall**, which received a platinum award from the Recycling Council of Ontario for **waste minimization**. See <http://www.insidehalton.com/community/environment/article/1246102>.
- Congratulations to the Town of Halton Hills, whose **Green Plan is being recognized nationally**. See <http://www.haltonhills.ca/media/2011/1321547613.pdf> for a summary and magazine article.

ACTION ALERTS

- **Buy Nothing Day** is an international day of protest against consumerism. In North America, it is the day after American Thanksgiving, i.e. this Friday, one of the biggest shopping days of the year. Check out <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Buy-Nothing-Day/112778512070348>.
- **The last farmers' market in Halton closes for the season this Saturday, November 26**. The Oakville Civitan Farmer's Market is located in front of Zellers at Third Line and Rebecca Street in Oakville. The market is open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- **Oakvillegreen absolutely opposes the North Oakville East Trails Plan** that would put 3 metre wide paved pathways, with mowed 1 metre buffers on either side, that will be lit and de-iced in winter, through the Natural Heritage System that was created to protect Oakville's natural systems and wildlife. They ask you to join them at the Planning & Development Committee meeting at Oakville Town Hall on Monday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m. See <http://www.oakvillegreen.org>.
- The Town of Oakville has launched a **pre-budget questionnaire**. See <http://www.oakville.ca/2012budget.htm>.
- Opposition Leader Tim Hudak, NDP Leader Andrea Horwath, and Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner all endorse **importing water power from Quebec** to lower our electricity bills. According to the Ontario Clean Air Alliance, hydro-electric imports from Quebec would cost Ontarians just 5.8 cents a kWh, vs. new nuclear which would cost us 19-37 cents per kWh. OCAA is asking you to email Energy Minister Chris Bentley and ask him to support the import of water power from Quebec. See <http://www.cleanairalliance.org/>.

OTHER NEWS

- Ecojustice has released Waterproof 3, its third drinking water report card, which concludes that the **federal government is still failing to ensure all Canadians have reliable access to safe, clean water**. Of greatest concern is the government's reluctance to create rigorous national drinking water standards that protect all Canadians. Ontario is given the best rating for its source water protection efforts. See report at <http://www.ecojustice.ca/waterproof-3>.
- A Montreal group collected over 25,000 signatures to force the city government to hold public consultations on **urban agriculture**. See <http://www.montrealgazette.com/travel/Petition+sows+seeds+urban+farming+movement/5717062/story.html>.
- For an article that **ties the Occupy movement to the environmental movement**, visit <http://www.alternet.org/story/152945>.
- For a cute **anti-idling** post, read *This Is Your Mother Calling*, at <http://www.ecosuperior.org/article/no-idling-631.asp>.

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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. **See our online calendar at <http://haltonenvironment.com/events/> for additional events.**

| | WHEN | WHO | WHAT | WHERE | LINK/PHONE |
|---|--|----------------------------|--|---|--|
| | Wed. Nov. 23 7:30 p.m. | Oakvillegreen | "The Clean Bin Project" screening | Oakville Town Hall, Acorn Grill | www.oakvillegreen.org www.cleanbinmovie.com |
| N | Thur. Nov. 24 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. | Climate Action Network | Canada's Role in EU Fuel Quality Directive | Massey College, U of T, 4 Devonshire Place, Toronto | www.climateactionnetwork.ca |
| N | Thur. Nov. 24 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Halton Region | Bus Rapid Transit information meeting | Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville | www.halton.ca 905-825-6000 ext. 7920 |
| | Thur. Nov. 24 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | HEN | Fall networking event and Enviro Guide release | Oakville Town Hall, Trafalgar Room, 1225 Trafalgar Rd. | www.haltonenvironment.com 905-299-2327 |
| | Thur. Nov. 24 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | Royal Botanical Gardens | Speakers' Series: Lake Ontario's Round Goby Invasion | RBG Centre, 680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington | www.rbg.ca 1-800-694-4769 \$18/person |
| N | Fri. Nov. 25 | | Buy Nothing Day | | |
| F | Sat. Nov. 26 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Credit Valley Conservation | Bird Feeder Workshop | Terra Cotta Conservation Area, 14452 Winston Churchill | www.creditvalleyca.ca 905-670-1615 ext. 221 \$5 donation |
| | Nov. 26-27 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Royal Botanical Gardens | Pressed Flowers Holiday Workshop | RBG Centre, 680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington | www.rbg.ca 1-800-694-4769 \$85/person |
| N | Sat. Nov. 26 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Oakville Civitan Club | Oakville Civitan Farmers' Market closes | Hopedale Mall, 1515 Rebecca St., Oakville | www.oakvillecivitan.ca |
| N | Nov.28-Dec.9 | United Nations | COP17 Climate Conference | Durban, South Africa | www.cop17-cmp7durban.com |
| N | Mon. Nov. 28 4:00 p.m. | Environment Hamilton | Innovation Factory tour | McMaster Innovation Park, 175 Longwood Rd. S., Hamilton | www.environmenthamilton.org 905-549-0900 |
| | Wed. Nov. 30 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Credit Valley Conservation | Greening Corporate Grounds | Delta Meadowvale Hotel, 6750 Mississauga Rd. | www.creditvalleyca.ca 905-670-1615 ext. 442 |
| N | Wed. Nov. 30 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | BurlingtonGreen | AGM: Our Energy Future | Burlington Public Library, 2331 New St. | www.burlingtongreen.org Register for chance to win. |

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| N | Sat. Dec. 3 8:00 a.m. | South Peel Naturalists' Club | Gulls & Wintering Birds field trip to Niagara River | Meet at carpool lot – Bronte Rd. south of QEW | www.spnc.ca |
| | Sat. Dec. 3 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Royal Botanical Gardens | Needling Around at RBG (conifers) | RBG Centre, 680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington | www.rbg.ca 1-800-694-4769 \$70 incl. take-home book |
| N | Sat. Dec. 3 10:00 a.m. | Toronto Climate Campaign | Global Day of Action on Climate Change | Ryerson University, 63 Gould St., Toronto | www.globalclimatecampaign.org |
| N | Sat. Dec. 3 7:00 p.m. | Eat Local Burlington | Persian Dinner | Rayhoon, 420 Pearl St., Burlington | www.meetup.com/eatlocalburlington |
| | Dec. 5-6 | CanSIA | Solar Canada Conference | Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 222 Bremner Blvd. | www.solarcanadainc.com/conference |
| N | Tues. Dec. 6 7:30 p.m. | Oakvillegreen | Water Fluoridation What Every Parent Should Know | Oakville Town Hall, Committee Room 1, 1225 Trafalgar Rd. | www.oakvillegreen.org |
| N | Sat. Dec. 10 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | | Oakville Green Drinks | Whole Foods Market, 301 Cornwall Rd., Oakville | www.meetup.com/ecopartners 289-400-7291 |
| N | Thur. Dec. 15 7:00 p.m. | Halton Green Screens | "King Corn" | Encore Cinema, 171 Speers Rd., Oakville | www.haltongreenscreens.ca Free |
| | Thurs. Dec. 15 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. | P.O.W.E.R. | AGM & Waterscapes presentation | Georgetown Market Place Mall, 280 Guelph St. | www.powerhalton.ca 905-873-1820 |

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