



Halton **Environmental** Network

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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HEN NEWS

- Tuesday, February 21 will be the second of our three in-depth **workshops on community power**. Expert speakers are addressing various aspects of the renewable energy co-op business model. Contact here.anujar@gmail.com or visit <http://hheathub.blogspot.com> for more information.
Upcoming workshops:
 - **Financing mechanisms and business plan formation** for the renewable energy co-op
 - Tues. Feb. 21, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Burlington Library, 2331 New St.
 - Thurs. Feb. 23, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Dundas Town Hall
 - **Principles of co-op promotion and maintenance**
 - Tues. March 20, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Milton Sports Centre, 605 Santa Maria Blvd.
 - Thurs. March 22, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Beasley Community Centre, Hamilton
- On Thursday evening, February 23, we will be holding a members' workshop on **Board governance**. Email hen.admin@gmail.com for details and to register.
- Mark your calendar for our **next networking event**: Wednesday, March 28 in Georgetown.
- The **2012 Halton Enviro Guide** is available on our website and in hard copy at town halls, libraries, and schools throughout Halton. See <http://haltonenvironment.com/halton-enviro-guide>. If you would like copies, please email hen.admin@gmail.com or call 905-299-2327.
- We have just had a major changeover on our website and are in the process of returning it to full health. We apologize for any inconvenience.

ENVIRO TIP

- **Celebrate Family Day at one of Halton's local parks.** Crawford Lake and Mountsberg Conservation Areas and Bronte Creek Provincial Park are all holding special events this weekend. See events calendar for details and additional activities in the Family Activities section.

ACTION ALERTS

- Voting is now open for the Ontario Trillium Foundation's People's Choice Award, and the **BurlingtonGreen Youth Network (BGYN)** is in the running. Voting closes Wednesday, February 29. <http://www.burlingtongreen.org/latest-news/1-latest-news/346-get-ready-to-vote-for-burlingtongreen-.html>

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- Help **Burlington Transit** create a better system by participating in the Transit Master Plan review. Public consultation meetings will take place on February 22, March 1, and March 5.
<http://cms.burlington.ca/Page7311.aspx>
- City of **Burlington's Strategic Lands Acquisition Policy** in Draft wants your input.
<http://cms.burlington.ca/Page7864.aspx>
- The Ontario Clean Air Alliance is criticizing the Ontario Power Authority's low targets for **combined heat and power (CHP) plants**. These plants efficiently use the same molecules of natural gas to produce both heat and electricity. They are asking people to ask the government to pursue this form of energy and other green energy options.
<http://www.cleanairalliance.org/node/1066>
- The federal government is conducting a **pre-budget survey**.
<http://www.fin.gc.ca/prebudget-prebudgetaire/1-eng.asp>

HALTON NEWS

- Oakvillegreen would like to thank everyone who came out to **Oakville's Special Committee on Trails** last week. The committee clearly got the message that residents do not want wide paved, lit and de-iced trails in the Natural Heritage System. The committee also acknowledged that Conservation Halton needs to be involved in trail placement, design and naturalization, that the trails plan must be mapped in its entirety, not half mapped and half unknown as it is currently, and that the focus must be on preserving, protecting and enhancing the natural environment. The committee will be deliberating at its next meeting on Thursday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Oakville Town Hall.
- A report was made to Milton Town Council on the controversial **new Halton highway**, the GTA West corridor, which could affect Milton and Halton Hills.
<http://www.insidehalton.com/news/article/1297841>
- The Town of Halton Hills urges residents to be aware of **coyotes**.
<http://haltonhills.ca/media/2012/1329245408.pdf>
- A section of King Road in Burlington may close for the **endangered salamander migration**.
<http://www.insidehalton.com/community/burlington/article/1296093>
- The Town of Oakville's **green building initiatives were recognized** with a 2012 Sustainable Communities Award.
<http://www.insidehalton.com/community/environment/article/1296245>

OTHER NEWS

- According to a new study by a California think tank, the **"core green economy" weathered the U.S. recession better than the economy as a whole**.
<http://grist.org/list/study-green-econom-lost-fewer-jobs-in-the-recession/>
- Bullfrog Power and Chevrolet Canada have just launched the Chevrolet Volt Bullfrog Power Edition—**the first electric vehicle (EV) in Canada to come with emissions-free, renewable electricity**. For each Edition sold, Bullfrog Power will inject onto the electricity grid as much clean, renewable electricity as the vehicle is estimated to use over two years.
<http://www.bullfrogpower.com/12releases/volt.cfm>
- Five scientists from high-profile U.S. universities and NASA say in a recently-released paper that **Canada is jeopardizing the scientific community's ability to monitor for holes in the ozone**, especially over the Arctic. They point out that monitoring has already stopped in five locations in Canada and the website that distributed the information has been pulled down.
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/story/2012/02/13/pol-scientists-warning-ozone-monitoring-custs.html>

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- A group of Canadian **environmental organizations** are **lobbying EU governments** to counter efforts by the tar sands lobby. A Feb. 23 technical committee meeting of EU member state representatives could hold a vote on the implementation of the revised **Fuel Quality Directive**.
<http://www.embassymag.ca/page/view/eufuel-02-07-2012>
- Ontario might have to perform **temporary shutdowns of nuclear reactors** to avoid having to give away our excess electricity production. In the first six months of 2011, **Ontario electricity producers shelled out \$35 million to get neighbouring jurisdictions to take surplus power**.
<http://www.ottawacitizen.com/technology/Ontario+power+glut+means+possible+nuclear+shutdowns+expert/6106352/story.html>
- The provincial government is creating a **Waste Diversion System** that will protect consumers.
<http://news.ontario.ca/ene/en/2012/02/preserving-our-land-our-water-our-health.html>
- The UN Conference on Sustainable Development, **Rio+20**, marks the 20th anniversary of the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, and will take place June 20-22, 2012 at the same location. This conference has two over-arching themes:
 1. A green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication;
 2. Institutional framework for sustainable developmentThe outcomes document of the Canadian Environment Network's 2011 consultations, **What do Canadians think?**, is now available at
http://rcen.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/rcen_rio_20_final_outcomes_document_feb_2012.pdf.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- **Planet in Focus is looking for an Executive Director**. Application deadline is Friday, March 2.
<http://www.goodworkcanada.ca/greenjobs.php?id=16556>
- Heart's Content Organic Farmstead in Jerseyville is looking for an **Organic Market Garden Intern**. This is a full-time position with housing, shared meals, and a monthly stipend.
<http://heartscontentfarm.blogspot.com/>
- **Greenpeace** is looking for a full-time **Assistant Frontline Manager** for the Toronto office. Application deadline is Wednesday, February 29.
<http://www.greenpeace.org/canada/en/About-us/Employment/Assistant-Front-line-Manager-Toronto/>
- The Royal Botanical Gardens has postings for **March Break camp counsellors** (due Friday, February 24) and **summer positions**.
<http://www.rbg.ca/Page.aspx?pid=309>
- Conservation Halton has summer job openings for **counsellors** for its **Ways of the Woods day camp**.
<http://www.conservationhalton.ca/ShowCategory.cfm?itemid=10537&subcatId=1255>

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- The four Halton municipalities are offering special recreational programs for Family Day.
 - Oakville Family Day Event: <http://www.oakville.ca/assets/general%20-%20culture%20recreation/2012FamilyDay.pdf>
 - Burlington Family Day: <http://cms.burlington.ca/Page5131.aspx>
 - Milton Family Day: http://www.milton.ca/en/play/resources/Poster_Family_Day.pdf
 - Halton Hills Family Day: <http://www.haltonhills.ca/FamilyDay/FamilyDayAd.pdf>
- **March Break day camps** are offered at the Royal Botanical Gardens. See <http://www.rbg.ca/Page.aspx?pid=457> to register for one or more days at the RBG.
- Sign up for **Earth Hour**, March 31, find out about Earth Hour activities in your area, and see Earth Hour videos at <http://wwf.ca/earthhour/>.

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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.

	WHEN	WHO	WHAT	WHERE	LINK/PHONE
	Wed. Feb. 15 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Ontario Sustainable Energy Assoc.	Solar Drinks	OverDraught Irish Pub, 156 Front St. W., Toronto	http://solar drinks.eventbrite.com/ \$25
	Wed. Feb. 15 7:00 p.m.	Fast Forward Film Festival	“Water on the Table”	Erin Legion, 12 Dundas St. E., Erin	www.creditvalleyca.ca 519-833-4676
	Thurs. Feb. 16 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Project Paradise Open House	RBG Centre, 680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington	www.rbg.ca Free
	Thur. Feb. 16 7:00 p.m.	Halton Green Screens	“Queen of the Sun”	Encore Cinema, 171 Speers Rd., Oakville	www.haltongreenscreens.ca Free
U	Fri. Feb. 17 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Project Paradise Research and Monitoring Workshop	RBG Centre, 680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington	www.rbg.ca Free Pre-registration required Kathy.Trotter@ec.gc.ca
	Fri. Feb. 17 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Ontario Farmland Trust	2012 Farmland Preservation Forum	Arboretum Centre, University of Guelph	www.ontariofarmlandtrust.ca 519-824-4120 ext. 52654 \$65
	Sat. Feb. 18 8:00 a.m.	South Peel Naturalists’ Club	Hawks and Owls field trip – Fisherville area	Meet at Bronte carpool lot south of QEW	www.spnc.ca 905-820-2571
	Sat. Feb. 18 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Canadian Organic Growers Toronto	Your Food, Your Choice: Organic Conference	U of T Conference Centre, 89 Chestnut St., Toronto	www.cogtoronto.org 416-466-4420 \$85
	Sat. Feb. 18 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Ryerson United Church	Seedy Saturday	842 Main St. E., Hamilton	www.meetup.com/eatlocalburlington
F	Sat. Feb. 18 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Credit Valley Conservation	Winter Family Fun Day at Riverwood Park	Riverwood Park, Mississauga	ward6events@gmail.com 905-896-5600 Free
	Sat. Feb. 18 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Snowshoeing/ Winter Walk at the Gardens	RBG Nature Centre, 16 Old Guelph Rd., Dundas	www.rbg.ca 1-800-694-4769 \$15/person
F	Feb. 19-20 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Conservation Halton	Tales by a Winter Fire	Mountsberg Conservation Area, Campbellville	www.conservation.ca 905-854-2276 Park admission applies
F	Feb. 19-20 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Conservation Halton	Snowflakes & Snowsnakes	Crawford Lake Conservation Area, Campbellville	www.conservation.ca 905-854-0234 Park admission applies
	Sun. Feb. 19 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Get Back to Nature Hike – Cootes North Shore	Meet at RBG Nature Centre, 16 Old Guelph Rd., Dundas	www.rbg.ca 905-527-1158 ext. 270 Free
N F	Mon. Feb. 20 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Bronte Creek	Spruce Lane Farm House OPEN for TOURS	Parking Lot F, 1219 Burloak Dr., Oakville	www.brontecreek.org 905-827-6911
	Mon. Feb. 20 7:30 p.m.	South Peel Naturalists’ Club	Canadian Heritage Rivers – the Grand River	St. Bride’s church, 1516 Clarkson Rd., Mississauga	www.spnc.ca 905-820-2571

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	Tues. Feb. 21 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Hamilton Halton Energy Awareness Team	Community Power workshop – business plan, finance	Burlington Library, 2331 New St., Holland Room	http://hheathub.blogspot.com 647-880-4656
	Tues. Feb. 21 6:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.	P.O.W.E.R.	“The 11 th Hour” screening	Georgetown Marketplace Mall, 280 Guelph St.	www.powerhalton.ca 905-873-1820
U	Feb. 22 - 23 22 nd : 9am-9pm 23 rd : 10-4	Nature Conservancy Canada	Grasslands in Crises	Royal Ontario Museum, Level 1B, Toronto	www.natureconservancy.ca 416-586-5797 \$50/adult, \$30/student
N	Wed. Feb. 22 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Oakville Chamber of Commerce	Lunch with the Honorary Peter Kent	Oakville Conference Centre, 2515 Wyecroft Rd	www.oakvillechamber.com 905-845-6613 ext. 209 \$45/person, \$280/table
N	Wed. Feb. 22 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Burlington Transit	Transit Master Plan open house	Burlington Seniors Centre, Wellington Rm., 2285 New St.	www.burlington.ca/transit 905-639-0550
N	Wed. Feb. 22 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Burlington Transit	Transit Master Plan open house	Burlington City Hall, 426 Brant St.	www.burlington.ca/transit 905-639-0550
N	Thurs. Feb. 23 6:00 p.m. for 7:00 p.m.	Canadian Club Halton chapter	Canada’s Oil Sands: Responsible Development	Oakville Conference Centre, 2515 Wyecroft Rd.	bwylie@globalserve.net \$45/person; \$15/student
N	Thurs. Feb. 23 6:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	PERL	PERL’s Fundraiser to Save Mount Nemo	290 Carlaw Ave, Suite 201A	www.mountnemofundraiser.com
F	Sat. Feb. 25 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 \$16/adult; \$10/child, senior
	Sat. Feb. 25 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Unitarian Universalist Congregation	Seedy Saturday	84 South Service Rd., Mississauga	www.meetup.com/ecopartners
	Sun. Feb. 26 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Eat Local Burlington	Pepperwood Bistro 16th Annual BeerFest!	Pepperwood Bistro, 1455 Lakeshore Rd. Burlington	www.meetup.com/eatlocalburlington 905-333-6999 \$35
	Sun. Feb. 26 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.		Upwind Downwind speaker: Jay Walljasper	Art Gallery of Hamilton, 123 King St. W.	www.cleanair.hamilton.ca Free
	Mon. Feb. 27 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.		Upwind Downwind Conference	Sheraton Hotel, 116 King St. W., Hamilton	www.cleanair.hamilton.ca See website for pricing
N	Wed. Feb. 29 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Ontario Sustainable Energy Association	Social Innovation Partnership Forum in Environment & Sustainability	Delta Guelph Hotel and Conference Centre Guelph, Ontario	http://ontario-sea.org/Page.asp?PageID=1209&ContentID=3549&SiteNodeID=218&BL_ExpandID=
N	Wed. Feb. 29 7:00 p.m.	Environment Hamilton	Franke James: Tar Sands and Climate Change	Hamilton Public Library, 55 York Blvd.	www.lets-doit.ca/signup350.html Free

For more events plus event details, visit our online calendar at <http://haltonenvironment.com/events/>.