



Town of East Gwillimbury

Our Town...Our News!

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Committee of the Whole Council met on March 7th and considered the following matters.

Santa Claus Parade

The Holland Landing Santa Claus Parade will be held on Sunday, November 20th, 2011 beginning at 2:00pm. The route will be south on Yonge St. from Parkside Drive, exiting at Cedar Street, and continuing south to the Holland Landing Community Centre.

Library Board

The following citizens were appointed to the East Gwillimbury Library Board for a four-year term: Loretta Whiteman, Beverly Teeple, Rob Morris, Hyacinthe Miller, Diana Robichaud, Douglas Wrigglesworth, Margaret Reidy, Carol Vadeika, and Lynda Young.

Economic development strategy

Following approval of a work plan and request for proposals in February, Council has approved retaining MillierDickinsonBlais to develop the Town's economic development strategy. This work will be supported by funding from the Southlake Community Futures Development Corporation and the development community.

Queensville gas station proposal

Committee considered a report dealing with Official Plan and zoning by-law amendment applications proposing a gas station, convenience store and car wash on Queensville Sideroad east of Leslie Street. The proposal was a significant departure from the land-use vision of the Town in its new Official Plan. It was recommended that this proposal be refused. The report was deferred to the meeting of March 21, 2011.

Civil marriage ceremonies

Staff have recommended that the Town provide civil marriage ceremony services at the Civic Centre on Fridays during working hours. This would be a cost-effective service to residents, and would be in line with similar services provided by neighbouring municipalities. Watch for details in later issues of our Town page.

OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP



The Town of East Gwillimbury is proud to announce the Town's Patron designation for Pitch-In Canada Week and Operation Clean Sweep.

East Gwillimbury is a leader in environmental stewardship throughout all of its programs and departments. The traditional Town Wide Litter Clean-up has been incorporated into the

Operation Clean Sweep initiative to take place on the weekend of April 22 to April 24, 2011.

Pitch-In Canada is a national, community based organization comprised of eco-action and community volunteers which believes that protecting the environment and encouraging Civic Pride is everyone's responsibility.

Please contact the Town or visit the Town's website for further detail. To register your community group, please contact: John Vandenberg 905-478-4282 Ext. 1296

CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Retrofit of a stormwater management facility - Notice of Completion

To allow for the retrofit of an existing stormwater management facility currently with no quality controls; located within municipally owned lands; directly adjacent to an East Holland River tributary, known as the community of Holland Landing. The site located within the Town of East Gwillimbury at the intersection of Stonehill Blvd. and Colony Trail Blvd. (East of Yonge St. and North of Mount Albert Rd). Comprised of residential development and open space, the retrofit aims to achieve enhanced level of quality control. Construction of these works is contingent on securing appropriate funding.

The above project is being planned under Schedule A+ of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment. Subject to the receipt of necessary funding and approvals, the Town of East Gwillimbury intends to proceed with the design and construction of this project. The project plans and other information are available at Development Engineering Branch, Town of East Gwillimbury, 19000 Leslie Street, Sharon, ON, L0G 1V0 Mon-Fri: 8:30 - 4:30pm (905-478-4282). If concerns arise regarding this project, the public is directed to contact the Town staff. Please see Town website www.eastgwillimbury.ca for additional information

EPILEPSY AWARENESS

Purple Day is an international grassroots effort dedicated to increasing awareness about epilepsy worldwide. On March 26th, people in countries around the world are invited to wear purple and host events in support of epilepsy awareness. With your help, Purple Day 2011 will be even bigger! For further information, please visit purpleday.org.

EARTH HOUR



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Saturday March 26, 2011

8:30 pm to 9:30 pm

See your world in a whole new light.

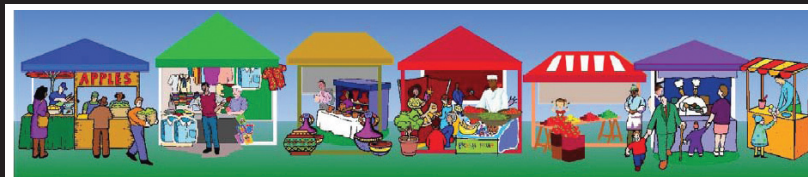
Visit www.eastgwillimbury.ca



Earth Hour is now a worldwide campaign supporting the awareness of climate change. The goal during this hour is to join in and save as much energy as you can.

Here are a few energy saving tips; put a sweater on instead of turning up the heat, unplug electronics that are not in use such as phone chargers and turn off as many lights as you can.

This year let's take Earth Hour beyond the hour. Think of what you can do each day that will benefit the planet at home and at work.

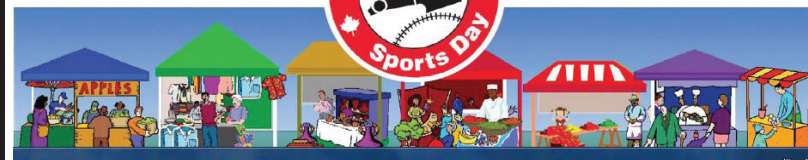
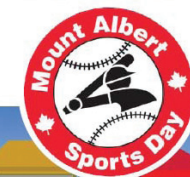


VENDORS, ARTISANS, CRAFTERS, COMMUNITY GROUPS

Register now for the all new Vendors' Street Market June 4th and 5th and be part of the excitement of the 2011 Mount Albert Sports Day & Spring Fair.

Just outside the main gates, for \$35 per day, your 10 ft. booth space will provide lots of exposure for your product or service.

For complete info and registration form visit mountalbertsportsday.com, or pick up a package at the Civic Centre in Sharon.



THINKING GREEN!



Now that spring has arrived and our days are getting longer, take advantage of the natural light and save energy by reducing your lighting use throughout your home. Replacing all incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent lights (CFL) is a fast and affordable way to reduce electricity. A CFL bulb lasts thousands of hours longer than an incandescent bulb and uses approximately one quarter of the wattage. Replacing one light bulb with a CFL can eventually reach a saving of up to \$30. You can save electricity in your home this season by utilizing natural light and by making some small and affordable adjustments to your home lighting



Holland Landing • River Drive Park • Mount Albert • Queensville • Sharon

For further information on your Town: WEB SITE: www.eastgwillimbury.ca PHONE: 905-478-4282 FAX 905-478-2808 E-MAIL: town@eastgwillimbury.ca MAIL TO: Town of East Gwillimbury, 19000 Leslie Street, Sharon, Ontario L0G 1V0