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Council suspends mosquito control program to conduct study

Georgina Town Council has voted to suspend the 2006 mosquito control program and has authorized a call for a proposal to carry out a mosquito monitoring/species identification study that will provide mapping data for breeding sites in the Pefferlaw area.

Prior to the vote, council was presented with a staff report that explained the "net impact of the "No Fog" buffer is that the program cannot be operated efficiently or effectively within the more densely populated areas such as Millbridge Gardens and the Woodland Subdivision." The report outlined the following four recommendations and asked council for a vote to provide direction to staff for the 2006 mosquito season.

Staff Report Recommendations:

- A. That the mosquito adulticide program carried out in the Pefferlaw area and the Keswick area be terminated;
- B. That the mosquito adulticide program continue to be operated where possible and practical respecting all areas identified by No Fog requests;
- C. That the mosquito adulticide program carried out in the Pefferlaw area and the south Keswick area be terminated and staff authorized to call a request

for proposal to carry out mosquito monitoring/species identification and breeding site mapping in 2006;

- D. That the mosquito adulticide program continue to be operated where possible and practical respecting all areas identified by No Fog requests and staff are authorized to call a request for proposal to carry out mosquito monitoring/species identification and breeding site mapping in 2006.

Councillor Szollosy moved to accept recommendation C. However, after opening up the discussion to council and the floor, this recommendation was amended to read: *"That the mosquito adulticide program carried out in the Pefferlaw and the south Keswick area be suspended for 2006 and staff authorized to call a request for a proposal to carry out mosquito monitoring/species identification and breeding site mapping in 2006."*

The mosquito study will only be conducted in the Pefferlaw area and is expected to be completed in time for the new council to discuss how to proceed in 2007.

Council has also requested town staff to prepare a report providing details for a mosquito magnet subsidy program.



...and the winner is:

**Ellen and Gillian Olver
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Ellen and Gillian Olver were declared the winner of the Great Pefferlaw Post Scavenger Hunt Contest when their contest entry form was pulled from the hat by Pefferlaw resident Dave Cranswick. Ellen and Gillian received two tickets to the Red Barn Theatre and a \$50 gift certificate from the Lake Simcoe Arms.

Gillian said she and her daughter had a lot of fun conducting the scavenger hunt and it gave them an opportunity to visit a number of businesses they had never been to before.



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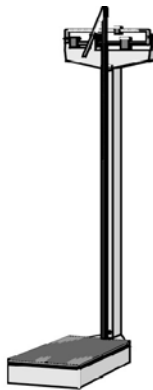
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Energy from Waste—It's about time

A new study, which you will read about further on in this issue, is being undertaken by the Durham/York Joint Waste Management Group to decide how and where to dispose of the collective solid waste generated in both communities. It is a study that is long overdue.

To date, the consultants involved have produced a draft report that identifies the "preferred alternative" technology to be used—an energy from waste system.

In a previous life, I probably learned more about energy recovery than I ever really wanted to know, but given the decades of research I've ploughed through, I am convinced that this technology is exactly what we need.

First of all, it addresses two pressing issues that concern our society—energy and waste.

For years, other countries that have not had the luxury of space for landfill, have depended on energy from waste (EFW) systems to dispose of their residual solid waste—waste that could not be recycled or composted—and conserve traditional energy resources at the same time.

These EFW systems, and there are three common types, pyrolysis, gasification and mass burn, use municipal waste as a fuel source to generate heat or electricity that can be fed right into the electrical grid.

Using a very high heat temperature that is sustained by the high BTU value inherent in much of the waste, these systems transform this calorific value into energy.

Gone are the days of the old incinerator that simply burned our garbage and released harmful toxins and pollutants into the air. Today's EFW systems utilize advanced pollution control equipment that prevents the release of these chemicals and they operate well within the mandated air emission guide-

lines by which other manufacturing companies must abide. Ruth Grier did not do us any favours when, as the Minister of the Environment in the 1980s she decreed that EFW systems would not be used in this province. That piece of legislation has now thrown us into a crisis situation and should the border be closed before we have had time to build these badly needed EFW plants, the word "crisis" won't quite begin to cover the mess we will be in.

EFW technology does not mean freedom from diverting as much waste as we can using the 3Rs—reduce, reuse and recycle. Even these systems require landfill space since they produce between 20 and 30 per cent fly and bottom ash residues that need to be landfilled. (Fly ash is disposed of in hazardous materials sites and the bottom ash can be disposed of in modern municipal landfill sites or used as fillers to produce concrete products.)

Our ability to build EFW plants now might be a few years late, but as they say, better late than never.

Karen Wolfe, Editor.

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Community bids fond farewell to Westgarth family



A fond farewell from the residents of Wilfrid and Pefferlaw was bestowed upon long-time Wilfrid residents **Norma and Orville Westgarth** at a farewell party held at the Wilfrid Hall

on May 7, 2006. Norma and Orville are moving from their Wilfrid home to Uxbridge. Many will remember Norma when she worked for Harold Thompson at the Pefferlaw Telephone Office and the Langstaff Card Company and Orville when he worked at the sawmill in Pefferlaw. Norma and Orville pose with their daughter Mary, son George and wife and family.

York Region Public Health Service announces dead bird pick up

The York Region Public Health Service has announced that they are starting their dead bird pick-up service again this year. According to Margaret McCaffrey, Manager of Health Protection, the service will again pick up all dead birds, but testing for West Nile Virus will be conducted only on dead blue jays and crows. Ms. McCaffrey confirmed that there were five human cases of West Nile Virus in the southern part of York Region last year. One case of West Nile Virus

was found in a dead crow in Keswick. Ms. McCaffrey also confirmed that York Region has an understanding with the Ministry of Health whereby York Region would be given access to Malathion and spray equipment should an outbreak of West Nile Virus warrant it. Residents are being asked to contact the York Region Public Health Service at 1 (800) 361-5653 if they find a dead bird and want to have it picked up.

Ham supper at Wilfrid Hall packs 'em in

Nearly 155 residents attended the Ham Supper at the Wilfrid Community Hall on Friday, April 28 to sample the culinary delights of the Wilfrid United Church con-



gregation members. The group conducts a number of these suppers throughout the year as a fund-raiser for the church.

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Free strawberry social to launch "Best of Pefferlaw" map

The Alliance for a Better Georgina together with the Pefferlaw Lions Club will host a free Strawberry Social on Saturday, June 3 to introduce the newly printed Pefferlaw and area maps to the community.

"The maps record the significant features of Pefferlaw from a historical, cultural and environmental perspective," said Annabel Slight from the Alliance for a Better Georgina. "They are beautifully designed and include treasured photos and topographical information that identifies the features that are most significant to the people of Pefferlaw and the surrounding area."

According to Ms. Slight, the Strawberry Social will be held in the parking lot of the Jericho Youth Centre (formerly Cooke's United Church) on the main street from 11:00 to 2:00 p.m. "The Pefferlaw Lions Club has agreed to sell the maps to help raise money for a proposed ice-pad in Pefferlaw," Ms. Slight said. "I think the map is something everyone will want to own and at the same time, it is a great fund-raiser for a very worthy community project". The maps were created using feedback from the community that was garnered during open house public meetings and a community task force.

The funding for the project was made possible through contributions from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, York Region, the Town of Georgina, TD Friends of the Environment and the South Lake Community Futures Corporation.

Group meets in Wilfrid to develop plan to have Brock dump site closed

A concerned citizens' group known as B.A.G.— Brock/Georgina Against Garbage—met at the Wilfrid Hall on Tuesday evening, May 2 to discuss a path forward that would convince legislators to close down the Brock dump site. The organization is worried that as the only waste facility in Durham Region, the site may be forced to take garbage other than that of Brock Township residents should Michigan close the border to Greater Toronto Area (GTA) waste. Additionally, there are concurrent plans underway by the Durham/York Joint Waste Management Group to build a thermal treatment plant/energy from waste facility to treat residual solid waste and the group wants to ensure this residual waste is not going to end up in the Brock facility.

According to Fran Fish, a spokesperson for B.A.G., the Brock dump site is located on the 17th Line of Brock between the 13th and 14th Concession and is surrounded by sensitive wetlands that impact the Lake Simcoe watershed.

"There are really only 18 acres of land because the rest is swamp," Ms. Fish said adding that Township of Brock documents show the dump is located on 100 acres in a flood plain.

"There is no liner, no one knows where the plume is and there is no buffer zone," she said. "We want the dump shut down." Lawyer Heather Gillies and husband Peter, a court and tribunal agent, facilitated the meeting at the Wilfrid Hall and told the group that Michigan may close the border to GTA waste as early as December 31, 2006 and regulatory officials have not offered a plan that documents where the garbage will go.

"We believe they will bypass the environ-

mental assessment laws and will say it is a crisis situation and because they can't open any new landfill sites, they will use this one.," Ms. Gillies said.

Ms. Gillies went on to say that if the Brock site were to undergo a full blown environmental assessment it would fail due to the sensitive nature of the environment in the area.

Brock Mayor Keith Shier said, "We have made it known that we will not be host to outside Brock waste but there is only so much we can do to keep Durham Region waste out," he said, adding that the site is owned by Durham Region.

The Terms of Reference for the Durham/York Joint Waste Management study have been approved by The Ministry of the Environment and a draft report by the project management firm, MacViro Consultants Inc. has identified that an energy from waste (EFW) solution incorporating thermal treatment is the preferred alternative to deal with municipal solid waste in both regions. EFW operations commonly produce bottom ash and fly ash residues that require landfill. The results of this report were presented at a community information session at the Cannington arena on May 9. The results of this meeting were not available at press time.

It is expected that the earliest date that an EFW plant could be operational is 2009/2010 and B.A.G. members want to know what the back-up plan is for GTA community waste if the border is closed in the meantime.

"There is a gap between December 2006 and 2010," Ms. Gillies said, "and we want to know what the backup plan is from 2007 until an incinerator is built. No one
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7. Are our town services adequate? _____

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Residents organize to have Brock dump site closed

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will give us an answer to that question.” Mirka Januzkiewicz, the Director of Waste Management for Durham Region explained that should the border be closed, the GTA would have three months to put an emergency plan in place. “If the border did close in December, we will not be in a position to locate and build the new facility,” she said. “We would ask the Ministry of Environment to intervene and it would no longer be in our jurisdiction.” She went on to say that in the case of an emergency, the MOE could provide Durham Region with a certificate of approval to allow their contractor to give them space in three Ontario landfills: Napanee; Warwick; and Ottawa.

When asked if the Brock facility would become a possibility in an emergency

situation, she said “If there is an emergency, I believe the Ministry (MOE) will look at every possibility and every option in Ontario,” adding that the Brock facility is very small and provides environmental concerns.

According to Andy Campbell, Director of Waste Management at York Region, the environmental assessment study area for the proposed EFW plant right now includes all of York Region and all of Durham Region and a short list of sites is not likely to be identified until sometime in January or February next year.

As far as potential landfill sites that will be needed for the 20 to 30 per cent bottom ash residues that will be produced at the EFW plant, Mr. Campbell said no decisions will be made until a year or so before the plant opens. The target date for the opening is

sometime in 2011 or before.

However, Mr. Campbell also said that York Region has a 20-year contract with the Greenlane landfill site in St. Thomas for 75,000 tons a year and expects the total bottom ash volumes from an EFW plant to be around 60,000 tons a year—for both York and Durham regions combined.

“Because of our joint agreement with Durham, if they wanted to use York’s existing capacity, we would probably say yes,” he said adding that the decision regarding landfill locations and capacity is still a long way off.

“First, council needs to approve the technology and then we need to find a location that will meet our criteria,” Mr. Campbell said.

The proponents for the study have a website at www.durhamyorkwaste.ca

MNR begins monitoring to determine impact of fall goby eradication program

In an effort to determine the results of the fall goby eradication program that involved the application of Rotenone to the river in Pefferlaw, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is monitoring the waterway for fish species, their numbers and the presence of goby. The goby is an invasive species suspected of endangering the population of native fish by feeding on their eggs and young.

According to Jason Borwick, an MNR management geologist, all of the partners involved in the fall program are back again this spring to take part in the monitoring program and their preliminary observations are very encouraging.

“The number one thing is that there seems to be a lot of fish that are back and there

has been no evidence of goby. Things are looking great,” he said.

The lead agencies, such as the Anglers and Hunters, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and MNR will be conducting benthic monitoring, electro fishing and boat and beach seining to collect data that can offer a three season comparison and chart changes over time.

Mr. Borwick said a course scale analysis of the data will be reported to the community in the fall of this year but a more detailed study of the impact on individual fish species will take longer.

“To date, we have seen species such as walleye, white sucker, perch, shiners and pumpkin seed,” Mr. Borwick said.

“Things are progressing very nicely.”

Thank You Ina!

Congratulations to Ina Green for her charming Easter window display. Ina purchased and raised five ducklings



from day-old chicks, allowing Pefferlaw residents an opportunity to monitor their growth through her store windows at Ina’s Hair Salon.. The ducks and accompanying bunnies that graced her windows throughout the Easter season were donated to Eaglewood to live out their lives in natural surroundings.



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Congratulations go out to **Julie Bersche-Glover and her husband Dave** on the birth of their son **Bannock Talbot Keith** who was born on April 11, 2006. Bannock weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz when he was born and is a little brother to three-year-old **Daenyres**.

New Baby congratulations are also in order for **Elan Moore and Andrew Abramowicz**, owners of the Pefferlaw Dental Centre on the birth of their second son **Matthew** born March 27. Matthew is a new brother for 2-year old David.

Congratulations to **Bill and Teresa Millar** on their new home on Black River Road in Sutton. Both Teresa and Bill, who moved from Woodlands Subdivision this month, are members of the Pefferlaw Lions Club and plan to continue their excellent work supporting the community and the club from their new home.

A very Happy Birthday to **Bud Big Canoe** who celebrated his 75th birthday on April 30. Bud celebrated with family and friends at a party at the Georgina Island Community Centre on April 29.

If you have any unwanted items or left over items from a yard sale, why not give **Tracy Pelletier** a call in Wilfrid at 437-2405. She is looking for donations for the **Charity Auction** coming up at the Wilfrid Village Festival on Saturday, June 24. Proceeds from the auction will be used for the Wilfrid community outreach program and the Christmas Angels.

People have been emailing me and telling me of a great website that is offering a live-time web cam of a bald eagle's nest located in British Columbia. Visitors to www.infotechbusinesssystems.com/wildlife/default.asp can watch chicks hatching on-line.

Happy Birthday to **Shirley Gracie** who celebrated her 64th birthday on April 28.

Happy Birthday greetings also go out to **Carolyn Cooper** (nee Reddings) who turns 50 on May 19, 2006.

I must apologize to **Brandon Baker** for missing his birthday on April 6, but I am way ahead of the game by wishing his sister **Brittney** a Happy 13th Birthday which she will celebrate on June 8.

Congratulations go out to **Clive McFarlane** who will be participating in the Sunnybrook Run for Research on the 28th of May. This 5 km run raises money for the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. If anyone would like to make a pledge for Clive, go online: www.runforresearch.com or contact Clive at (705) 437-3287.

For those of you who have never tasted **Susan Palmer's butter tarts** and pies, here is your chance. Every summer Susan, also known as I Make U Bake, puts a quantity of her delicious and mouth watering butter tarts for sale at C&G Gardens on Highway #48. They are usually there by Friday for the weekend but you better get there quickly, because they don't last long.

Welcome Back to former residents, **Jens and Brigit Sondrup** who have moved back to Pefferlaw from Markham.

Cathy Filameno tells me her son **Eric** has gone to Perth, Australia to get his teaching degree in Geography and Phys. Ed. Limited space in Canadian institutions is forcing many young people to do the same.



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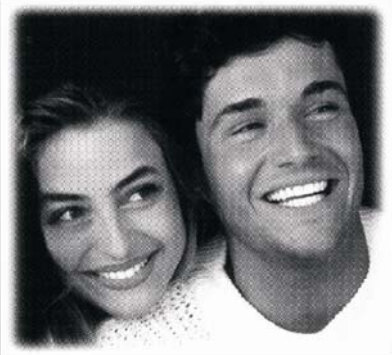
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York Region Weight Loss Clinic owner relates to weight struggles

Three years ago when Virginia resident Dianne Glover was battling breast cancer, the medication and drugs she was on caused her to gain weight—a problem up to that point in her life, she had never experienced. After months of trying to lose the extra pounds, she went see a doctor in Scarborough who specialized in nutrition and weight loss.

“I began losing weight and actually enjoyed the diet program Dr. Daniels offered,” she said. As time went on, she began to sing the praises of Dr. Daniels to customers visiting her hairdressing salon and realized that weight loss was a battle many Canadians struggled with every day.

Convinced her own personal experience would inspire and

Glover says. “There is no calorie counting, no pills or injections. It is the same basic formula that is followed everyday.”

According to Ms. Glover, clients who follow the program can expect to lose between two and three pounds a week and up to 12 and 15 pounds a month.

Following the guidelines of the Canada Food Guide, the program incorporates a 1000 to 1200 calorie-a-day diet that uses meal replacement bars and shakes in addition to other nutritional foods low in fat and high in protein.

“I work with people one-on-one and help them incorporate my program into their day by suggesting sample meal plans and recipes,” Ms. Glover said.

Another aspect of the program is its appeal to a broad range of age groups. Clients as young as 13 and as old as 85 have joined the program and have experienced steady and encouraging weight loss every week.

“It really comes down to doing everything in moderation,” Ms. Glover said.

“This program is the way you should be eating in the first place.”

In addition to delivering the goods on a value basis and on a nutritional level, Ms. Glover says it goes a long way in changing a person’s mind-set to weight loss.

“It reminds you to think about being healthy and not about being on a diet,” she says and “it is cheaper to change your lifestyle than it is to take pills.”



Dianne Glover, owner of the Virginia-based York Region Weight Loss Clinic poses beside the many weight loss products included in her program.

help others, she started working under the guidance and direction of Dr. Daniels and began to introduce the program to a select number of clients that she knew well. Their consistent success and satisfaction with the program prompted her to incorporate the business and today, the York Region Weight Loss Clinic offers a high protein weight loss program that attracts clients from as far away as Barrie and Orillia.

“The key to the success of this program is its simplicity and frequent monitoring,” Ms.

Canoe Run raises money for hospital



Mr. Mikuse (right) and son Clayton (left) and daughter Samantha (centre) participated in the Udora/Leaskdale Lions Club Annual Canoe River Run on May 6 to raise money for the South Lake Hospital's Regional Cancer Centre. The 14 km run began at the Sanford Sideroad and went north up the river in Pefferlaw to the dam. According to Lion president Byron Taylor, 65 canoeists and kayakers participated in this year's run which will raise approximately \$2,000. Clayton Craft Marine donated two prizes for those participants who raised the most money for the event through pledges.

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The **Pefferlaw Firefighters Association** will be hosting a **Charity Car Wash** at the Fire Hall on May 13, 2006 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Donations only—Say what you Pay..

Calling all talented singers. The Town of Georgina is once again holding auditions for the **Georgina Idol** competition. The auditions will be held on **Sunday, May 28** beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Stephen Leacock Theatre in Keswick. The competition is open to permanent Georgina residents who are 13 to 18 years of age. Application forms are available at the Pefferlaw Library, the Jericho Youth Centre, Lim's Grocery, the Pefferlaw Supermarket and the Belvedere. Forms can also be obtained from the town offices in Keswick. From the open auditions, 10 contestants will be selected to compete in the final competition to be held on Thursday, August 10 at the 151st Annual Sutton Fair and Horse Show. The winner will be awarded a grand prize of \$1,000 and second and third place winners

will receive \$300 and \$200 respectively. The entry deadline is May 19, 2006.

Hospice Georgina will be hosting their Annual General Meeting at Roche's Point on June 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on June 27, they will be hosting the Hospice Georgina Volunteer Appreciation Evening at the Briar's Resort beginning at 6:30 p.m. For further information please contact Hospice Georgina at (905) 722-9333.

If you are following the activities of the **Ladies of the Lake** you may want to attend their "The Naked Truth Summer of Events" launch in Orillia at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 34 on Mississauga St. The evening begins at 7:00 p.m. and includes a report on the future of the Lake Simcoe watershed, an action plan to help communities rescue Lake Simcoe and a preview of a concert they are planning in August. Contact (705) 329-1448 for further details.

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