



# Halton Environmental Network

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## HEN NEWS

- 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.
- 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. Free energy conservation kits and tips. Open to the public and free to attend. For details, email [here.office@gmail.com](mailto:here.office@gmail.com) or call 905-299-2327.
- To **volunteer** to help at the event, 12:00 - 4:30, contact us as above. Volunteer hours will be given.

## ENVIRO TIP

- During smog advisories, delay lawn mowing, restrict the use of gas-powered equipment, and delay using oil-based paints, solvents, and cleaners. [source: Air Quality Ontario]

## 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
	<b>Sept. 3-6</b>		Steam-Era	Milton Fairgrounds	<a href="http://www.steam-era.com">www.steam-era.com</a>
N F N	<b>Wed. Sept. 8</b> 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	Ukrainian Catholic Church, 821 Upper Wentworth St., Hamilton	<a href="http://www.mah.gov.on.ca">www.mah.gov.on.ca</a> <a href="mailto:ppsreview@ontario.ca">ppsreview@ontario.ca</a> 1-877-711-8208 Register by Sept. 3
	<b>Sept. 11-12</b>	Friends of the Greenbelt	Tour de Greenbelt	Niagara Region	<a href="http://www.tourdegreenbelt.ca">www.tourdegreenbelt.ca</a>
	<b>Sat. Sept. 11</b> 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Naturally Inspired – photography workshop (beg.)	RBG Nature Centre, 16 Old Guelph Rd., Dundas	<a href="http://www.rbg.ca">www.rbg.ca</a> 1-800-694-4769 \$72; register by Sept. 2
	<b>Sat. Sept. 11</b> 9:30 a.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Autumn Wildflower Walks	RBG - Rock Chapel	<a href="http://www.rbg.ca">www.rbg.ca</a> 1-800-694-4769 \$10; register by Sept. 2

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	<b>Sat. Sept. 11</b> 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>HEN</b>	Renewable Energy Fair	Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville	<a href="http://halton.ourpower.ca">http://halton.ourpower.ca</a> <a href="mailto:hrsp.admin@gmail.com">hrsp.admin@gmail.com</a> 905-299-2327
	<b>Sat. Sept. 11</b> 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.		Oakville Green Drinks	Queen's Head Pub, 118 Dunn St., Oakville	<a href="http://www.meetup.com/ecopartners">www.meetup.com/ecopartners</a>
F	<b>Sept. 11-12</b> 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Family Overnight Campout	RBG Nature Centre, 16 Old Guelph Rd., Dundas	<a href="http://www.rbg.ca">www.rbg.ca</a> 1-800-694-4769 \$40/person; \$130/family
	<b>Sun. Sept. 12</b> 8:00 a.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Autumn Bird Walks	RBG – North Shore Trail	<a href="http://www.rbg.ca">www.rbg.ca</a> 1-800-694-4769 \$10; register by Sept. 3
	<b>Sun. Sept. 12</b> 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Credit Valley Conservation	Controlling Invasives on your Property	Terra Cotta Conservation Area, 14452 Winston Churchill	<a href="http://www.creditvalleyca.ca">www.creditvalleyca.ca</a> 905-670-1615 ext. 263
F	<b>Sun. Sept. 12</b> 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	The Endangered Butternut Tree	RBG Nature Centre, 16 Old Guelph Rd., Dundas	<a href="http://www.rbg.ca">www.rbg.ca</a> 1-800-694-4769 \$10/person; \$25/family
N	<b>Tues. Sept. 14</b> 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Community Development Halton	Annual General Meeting & Celebration	Student Theatre Centre, 2131 Prospect St., Burlington	<a href="http://www.cdhalton.ca">www.cdhalton.ca</a> 905-632-1975 905-878-0955 RSVP by Sept. 8
	<b>Thur. Sept. 16</b>		International Day for Preservation of the Ozone Layer		<a href="http://ozone.unep.org">http://ozone.unep.org</a>
N	<b>Thur. Sept. 16</b> 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	<a href="http://www.mah.gov.on.ca">www.mah.gov.on.ca</a> <a href="mailto:ppsreview@ontario.ca">ppsreview@ontario.ca</a> 1-877-711-8208 Register by Sept. 13
	<b>Thur. Sept. 16</b> 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	<a href="mailto:bwylie@globalserv.net">bwylie@globalserv.net</a> 905-827-6302 \$40
	<b>Thur. Sept. 16</b> 7:00 p.m.	BurlingtonGreen	“The Age of Stupid” screening	Burlington Central Library, 2331 New St.	<a href="http://www.burlingtongreen.org">www.burlingtongreen.org</a> 905-466-2171 \$5
N	<b>Thur. Sept. 16</b> 7:00 p.m.	Halton Green Screens	“No Impact Man”	Encore Cinema, 171 Speers Rd., Oakville	<a href="http://www.haltongreenscreens.ca">www.haltongreenscreens.ca</a> Free.
N	<b>Sept. 17-18</b> 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Halton Region	Fall Compost Giveaway	HWMS, 5400 Regional Road 25, Milton	<a href="http://www.halton.ca">www.halton.ca</a> 3-1-1
V	<b>Sept. 18-26</b>	Vancouver Aquarium	Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup	Across Canada	<a href="http://www.shorelinecleanup.ca">www.shorelinecleanup.ca</a>
N	<b>Sat. Sept. 18</b> 9:30 a.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Autumn Wildflower Walks	RBG – Hendrie Park	<a href="http://www.rbg.ca">www.rbg.ca</a> 1-800-694-4769 \$10; register by Sept. 9
	<b>Sat. Sept. 18</b> 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Hamilton Naturalists' Club	Stewardship Workshop: Leave a Natural Legacy	838 Mineral Springs Road, Ancaster	<a href="http://www.hamiltonnature.org">www.hamiltonnature.org</a> 905-524-3339 Register by Sept. 14

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N F	<b>Sat. Sept. 18</b> 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Natural Foods and Wild Edibles	RBG Centre, 680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington	<a href="http://www.rbg.ca">www.rbg.ca</a> 1-800-694-4769 \$28; register by Sept. 10
N F	<b>Sat. Sept. 18</b> 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Family Fall Fun Night	RBG Centre, 680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington	<a href="http://www.rbg.ca">www.rbg.ca</a> 1-800-694-4769 \$12/person; \$30/family
N F	<b>Sun. Sept. 19</b> 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	RBG Geo-Quest	RBG Nature Centre, 16 Old Guelph Rd., Dundas	<a href="http://www.rbg.ca">www.rbg.ca</a> 1-800-694-4769 \$13.50/person; \$38/family
N	<b>Sept. 20-21</b>	Share the Road	Ontario Bike Summit	Holiday Inn Burling- ton, 3063 S. Service	<a href="http://www.sharetheroad.ca">www.sharetheroad.ca</a> \$175 before Sept. 9
	<b>Mon. Sept. 20</b> 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Cold Frames and Season Extension Techniques	RBG Centre, 680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington	<a href="http://www.rbg.ca">www.rbg.ca</a> 1-800-694-4769 \$30; register by Sept. 11
	<b>Tues. Sept. 21</b> 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Heritage Trees – Preserving our Natural Roots	RBG Centre, 680 Plains Rd. W., Burlington	<a href="http://www.rbg.ca">www.rbg.ca</a> 1-800-694-4769 \$15; register by Sept. 12
N	<b>Wed. Sept. 22</b>		International Car-Free Day		<a href="http://www.carfreeday.ca">www.carfreeday.ca</a> <a href="http://www.worldcarfreeday.net">www.worldcarfreeday.net</a>
	<b>Sept.28-Oct.1</b>	Halton Region & Conservation Halton	Halton Children’s Water Festival	Kelso Conservation Area	<a href="http://www.haltonchildrenswaterfestival.com">www.haltonchildrenswaterfestival.com</a> 905-336-1158 ext. 284

### HALTON NEWS

- The summer newsletter of the Bay Area Restoration Council, *Bringing Back the Bay – Summer 2010*, is available at [http://www.hamiltonharbour.ca/documents/newsletters/BARC\\_Summer10.pdf](http://www.hamiltonharbour.ca/documents/newsletters/BARC_Summer10.pdf).
- The Sustainable Urban Development Association (SUDA) has issued a brief informational document on the **social benefits of sustainable urban development**. Releases on this and other topics can be found on SUDA’s website, at <http://www.suda.ca/Information.html>.
- **A mysterious oil spill has been found in Shoreacres Creek** at Nelson Park in Burlington. The spill has been contained but the source is unknown. Shoreacres Creek starts in north Burlington and drains a large area. Story at <http://www.insidehalton.com/news/article/866834>.
- The Town of Milton recently held a public meeting regarding a **potential wind turbine project at the Milton Sports Centre**. See article at <http://www.insidehalton.com/news/article/866164>.
- Three batches of **West Nile Virus positive mosquitoes** have been found in south Halton this year. See <http://webaps.halton.ca/news/mediashow.cfm?mediaid=2010-08-31-08-43-35>.
- 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

- **Demand for organic seeds has reached widespread interest** in the past couple of years, as a way of ensuring diversity and ensuring that the output is truly organic. However, demand for these seeds is outpacing supply. Story at <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/life/style/gardening/article1683749/>.
- With urban sprawl, farm space is shrinking and **goats are becoming more popular in Ontario**. Goats don't require much land, feed, or water, and they can produce meat and milk, and cheese. Story at <http://news.guelphmercury.com/Opinions/Editorials/article/678422>.
- Not Far from the Tree is a Toronto-based organization that operates a **residential fruit-picking program** to prevent locally-grown fruit from going to waste. Of the resulting bounty, one-third goes to the owner, another third goes to the volunteers for their labour, and the final third is distributed via pedal power to charities and community organizations in the neighbourhood. See <http://www.notfarfromthetree.org/>.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Join BurlingtonGreen's **waste management team at the Burlington Ribfest** this weekend at Spencer Smith Park, Sept. 3-6. Visit <http://www.rburlington.net/ribfest.html>.
- 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](mailto:here.office@gmail.com) or 905-299-2327.

## 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](mailto: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>.
- 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](mailto:acerinfo@rogers.com). See <http://www.acer-acre.org> for more information.

## RESOURCES AVAILABLE

- 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](http://www.latornell.ca/pdf/2010/latornell_grant_brochure_2010.pdf).