



Halton **Environmental** Network

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HEN NEWS

- HHEAT (Hamilton Halton Energy Awareness Team) held its first in a **series of winter workshops on community power** last night. The same workshop will be held **tonight in Hamilton**. Expert speakers are addressing various aspects of the renewable energy co-op business model. Contact here.anujar@gmail.com or 647-880-4656, visit <http://hheathub.blogspot.com> for more information.
 - **Wed. Jan. 25**, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Laidlaw United Church, 155 Ottawa St. N., Hamilton
 - Overview of the renewable energy co-op model, technology and site selection
 - **Tues. Feb. 21**, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Burlington Library, 2331 New St.
Thurs. Feb. 23 in Hamilton
 - Financing mechanisms and business plan formation for the renewable energy co-op
 - **Tues. Mar. 20**, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Milton Sports Centre, 605 Santa Maria Blvd.
Thurs. Mar. 22 in Hamilton
 - Principles of co-op promotion and maintenance
- 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.
- Our **grant announcement and 2012 Enviro Guide release** made the local news last week. <http://www.insidehalton.com/community/environment/article/1282709>
- We are currently experiencing some growing pains on our website. We hope to have it back to full functionality soon and apologize for any inconvenience.

ENVIRO INVENTIONS

- An **ingeniously efficient kitchen invention** incorporates drip-drying your dishes to water your herbs. <http://www.fastcompany.com/blog/cliff-kuang/design-innovation/table-thatt-turns-your-kitchen-mini-ecosystem>

ACTION ALERTS

- From Oakvillegreen, with the support of BurlingtonGreen and Miltongreen: We believe it is time to **take a toxic chemical, hydrofluorosilicic acid, out of Halton's drinking water**. The Region's Health and Social Services Committee voted to end it more than a year ago but the full Council delayed making the decision. Council is holding a **special meeting on Tuesday, January 31 at 9:30 a.m.** and

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it's time to make our voices heard. Please join us to show your support. We hope to see you there.

<http://www.oakvillegreen.org>, <http://www.fluoridationfreehalton.ca/>

- Due to recent coyote incidents in the news, the Town of Oakville is holding a **coyote information evening** on Tuesday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre.
http://www.oakville.ca/townhall/nr-12jan20_1.html
- Nature Canada has set up an electronic letter to politicians to voice your opposition to the **Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline Project** in B.C.
<https://secure2.convio.net/nc/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=167>
- Environmental Defence has set up an electronic letter to thank President Obama for rejecting the **Keystone XL tar sands pipeline**.
http://wfc2.wiredforchange.com/o/8298/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=8377
- **Municipal budget process:**
 - **Oakville:** public open house January 26; public delegations Feb. 2, 7
<http://www.oakville.ca/townhall/annual-budgets.html>
 - **Burlington:** community meeting February 2 <http://www.burlington.ca/budget2012>

HALTON NEWS

- The **Town of Halton Hills** is pleased to report that they have **implemented 91% of the recommendations in their Green Plan**. <http://www.haltonhills.ca/media/2012/1326986241.pdf>.
- The **Hamilton-Halton Watershed Stewardship Program** received more than \$210,000 in grants from various sources to support their stewardship work in 2011.
<http://www.insidehalton.com/community/environment/article/1282711>

OTHER NEWS

- The United States Environmental Protection Agency now considers pollution from all diffuse sources, including urban stormwater pollution, to be the most important source of contamination in the nation's waters. The US Natural Resources Defense Council's new **Stormwater Strategies report** is at <http://www.nrdc.org/water/pollution/storm/execsum.asp>.
- A pilot project in China allows residents to **exchange kitchen scraps for fresh vegetables**. About 70 percent of Chinese garbage is kitchen waste.
http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/cndy/2012-01/19/content_14472395.htm

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

- Credit Valley Conservation has summer job openings for its **Conservation Youth Corps**.
<http://www.creditvalleyca.ca/about-cvc/jobs/>
- Earth Day Canada is hosting free **Ecomentor training** in Burlington on Saturday, January 28. Application deadline is Thursday, January 26. <http://www.ecomentors.ca>
- Graduating high school students can win one of 20 \$5,000 scholarships from the **Toyota Earth Day Scholarship Program**. Deadline is January 31. <http://www.earthday.ca/scholarship/about.php>.

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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
F	Jan. 6-Feb. 25 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Conservation Halton	Moonlight Snowshoe Hikes – Fri. & Sat. eve.	Crawford Lake Conservation Area, Campbellville	www.conservationhalton.ca 905-854-0234 \$15/adult; \$10/child 8-15
	Wed. Jan. 25 2:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.	Bay Area Restoration Council	Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan	Discovery Centre, 57 Discovery Dr., Hamilton	www.hamiltonharbour.ca 905-336-6279 Pre-registration requested
	Wed. Jan. 25 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Hamilton Halton Energy Awareness Team	Community Power workshop – co-ops & site selection	Laidlaw United Church, 155 Ottawa St. N., Hamilton	http://hheathub.blogspot.com 905-549-0900
	Wed. Jan. 25 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	GreenTrans	Forum on transportation issues in Halton	Oakville Town Hall, 1225 Trafalgar Rd., Committee Rm. 1	http://greentrans.blogspot.com 905-844-5021
	Thur. Jan. 26 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	UN University Institute for Water, Environ- ment and Health	Seminar series: Managing coasts in a changing world	McMaster Innova- tion Centre, 175 Longwood Rd. S., Hamilton	www.inweh.unu.edu 905-667-5511
	Thur. Jan. 26 6:30 pm AGM 7:30 pm film	Oakvillegreen	AGM & “Your Environmental Road Trip”	Oakville Town Hall, 1225 Trafalgar Rd.	www.oakvillegreen.org
N	Thurs. Jan. 26 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Ontario Clean Air Alliance	Avoiding Activist Burnout	U. of T. OISE, Rm. 2213, 252 Bloor St., Toronto	www.toolsforchange.net \$20 donation requested
	Fri. Jan. 27 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Conservation Halton	Owl Prowl – adult night	Mountsberg Conservation Area, Campbellville	www.conservation.ca 905-854-2276 \$15/adult; \$10/senior
U	Jan. 28-29	Guelph Organic Conference	Organic Expo	University of Guelph	www.guelphorganicconf.ca Free
F	Sat. Jan. 28 10:00-12:00 or 2:00-4:00	Credit Valley Conservation	Snowshoeing I & Hot Chocolate	Terra Cotta Conser- vation Area, 14452 Winston Churchill	www.creditvalleyca.ca 905-670-1615 ext. 221 \$8/adult; \$5/child, senior
F	Sat. Jan. 28 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Conservation Halton	Owl Prowl – family night	Mountsberg Conservation Area, Campbellville	www.conservation.ca 905-854-2276 \$15/adult; \$10/senior, child
F	Sun. Jan. 29 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	City of Burlington	Lowville Winter Games	Lowville Park, Guelph Line, Lowville	www.burlington.ca/lowville 905-335-7659 Free shuttle bus available.
	Sun. Jan. 29 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Get Back to Nature Hike – Rock Chapel	Meet at Rock Chapel parking lot	www.rbg.ca 905-527-1158 ext. 270 Free
	Tues. Jan. 31 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	FutureWatch	Greening the Settlement Sector	10 Carden Street, Guelph	www.futurewatch.net 416-926-1985 RSVP ASAP
	Tues. Jan. 31 9:30 a.m.	Halton Region	Public delegations on Water Fluoridation	Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville	www.halton.ca 905-825-6000 or 311

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	Tues. Jan. 31 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Town of Oakville	Living with Coyotes information evening	St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre, 1280 Dundas St. W.	www.oakville.ca 905-845-6601
U	Wed. Feb. 1 7:00 p.m.	National Film Board	“Urban Roots” screening	NFB Mediatheque, 150 John St., Toronto	www.planetinfocus.org
N	Wed. Feb. 1 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Nature Conservancy of Canada	Estate Planning session	The Hamilton Club, 6 Main St. E.	www.natureconservancy.ca 800-465-0029 ext. 282 RSVP; dress code in effect
N	Thurs. Feb. 2 7:00 p.m.	Go Local Oakville	Green Building Forum	Oakville Library, 120 Navy St.	http://meetup.ecopartners.ca
N	Thurs. Feb. 2 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Hamilton Eat Local	Nourishing Hamilton: Food, Faith and Our City	Free Way Café, 333 King St. E., Hamilton	www.environmenthamilton.org 905-549-0900
	Sat. Feb. 4 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Toronto Vegetarian Association	Totally Fabulous Vegan Bake-Off	918 Bathurst St., Toronto	www.veg.ca Register by Jan. 27 to compete
N F	Sat. Feb. 4 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Owl Prowl	RBG Nature Centre, 16 Old Guelph Rd., Dundas	www.rbg.ca 1-800-694-4769 \$12/person; \$30/family
N	Sun. Feb. 5 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Royal Botanical Gardens	Get Back to Nature Hike – Hendrie Valley	Meet at Cherry Hill Gate parking lot, Burlington	www.rbg.ca 905-527-1158 ext. 270 Free
U	Feb. 7-8	Centre for Food in Canada	Canadian Food Summit 2012	Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 222 Bremner Blvd.	www.conferenceboard.ca See website for pricing
N	Wed. Feb. 8 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	P.O.W.E.R.	BioDiversity Matters Youth Conference	Georgetown District High School	www.powerhalton.ca 905-873-1820
N	Wed. Feb. 8 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Town of Milton, Wilfrid Laurier Lecture Series	Good News Food Stories from Ontario & beyond	Milton Public Library, 1010 Main St. E.	www.milton.ca 905-875-2665
N	Thurs. Feb. 9		National Sweater Day		www.wwf.ca
N	Thurs. Feb. 9 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Miltongreen, HHEAT	Powerful: The Movie	Southside Community Church, 7480 Derry Rd., Milton	www.miltongreen.info 905-878-0995
N	Feb. 13-17	Windfall Ecology Centre	Repower Your Career	93A Industrial Parkway S., Aurora	www.windfallcentre.ca 905-727-0491 ext. 114
N	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
N	Mar. 18-19	SWITCH	GreenProfit Conference and Exhibition	Kingston Waterfront Holiday Inn	www.greenprofit.ca Early bird deadline Feb. 3