

CHURCHILL NEWS

by Linda Gerow

Before 1982 Canada Day had been known as Dominion Day, First of July, Confederation Day, and July the First. Canada Day celebrates the events that occurred on July 1, 1867, when the British North America Act created the Canadian federal government. The BNA Act proclaimed "one Dominion under the name of Canada," hence the original title of the holiday, "Dominion Day." Dominion Day was officially renamed "Canada Day" by an Act of Parliament on October 27, 1982. This change reflected the policy of successive governments to down play Canada's colonial origins. Canada's national celebration is always observed on July 1, unless that date falls on a Sunday, in which case it is observed the following day. Canada Day is considered a Family Day with outings, picnics and celebrations of the birth of our nation. We wave flags, sing songs and enjoy the day!

Library News: Churchill Branch: 2282 4th Line, Churchill, Ontario: (705) 456-2671 "Due to staffing

shortage, Innisfil Public Library Board will continue to change the Churchill Branch Wednesday hours to 1-8 p.m. and all Churchill programmes will be CANCELLED for the current Spring Session. We thank our customers for their understanding and patience. If in doubt, please call ahead to 705-456-2671 to confirm open hours.

The TD Canada Trust Reading Club has a great theme this summer... "Lost Worlds"...and children of all ages are invited to visit their local library to pick up their free posters, bags, stickers and activity book. It's a great time to get involved and keep reading over the summer. Literacy and lifelong learning is the credo of most libraries...make this a super summer of reading. Check out the library's website at www.innisfil.library.on.ca and see what programs are being offered at the four branches. Registration for the programs is June 19th and they will begin on July 3rd. Please note**The Churchill Branch will not be holding all the programs this summer. It will participate

in the Reading Club. For every 5 books read (age appropriate), kids receive a prize from the library! After 25 books, your name is entered in a draw for the Grand Prize.

Register now and receive a poster and a logbook with lots of fun activities. IT'S FREE!

SUMMER MOVIES @ the Churchill Branch library: All tickets are \$2/refreshments are \$1:

Churchill Branch: Tuesday, July 24, 1:00 p.m.

Disturbia (PG-13) A teen living under house arrest becomes convinced his neighbour is a serial killer. Churchill Branch: Thursday, August 9, 1:00 p.m.

Shrek the Third (PG) When his new father-in-law, King Harold falls ill, Shrek is looked at as the heir to the land of Far, Far Away. Not one to give up his beloved swamp, Shrek recruits his friends Donkey and Puss in Boots to install the rebellious Artie as the new king. Princess Fiona, however, rallies a band of royal girlfriends to fend off a coup d'etat by the jilted Prince Charming. Churchill Branch: Tuesday, August 21, 1:00p.m.

Junior Youth Group: The Parish of St. Peter's and St. John's (St. PJ's) youth

group will be holding their weekly meetings at St. Peter's parish hall again beginning in September. We wish all the youth a very happy and safe summer vacation. See you in September! Call Pam at 705-735-3484 for information.

Senior Youth Group (ages 13-18) meet every second Sunday at St. John's Anglican church in Cookstown for lunch and bible study at 1:00 p.m. All high school aged youth are welcome to join. The group will begin meeting again in September. Please call Pam at the above number for all information and meeting dates. Happy summer everyone!

VBS (Vacation Bible School): St. Peter's Anglican Church Vacation Bible School theme this year is Avalanche Ranch. Get ready to take a wild ride through God's word with unforgettable songs, amazing bible adventures, cool crafts and life-changing missions. St. Peter's will be hosting VBS this year during the week of July 16-20th. Please speak to Pam Gervais (735-3484) if you are interested in registering your children or helping this year. Assisting with the VBS this year will be Michael Caines the Parish

summer intern. Welcome aboard, Mike!!

The Gilford and District Horticultural Society: The next general meeting will be July 9th at 7.30 p.m at the South Innisfil Arboretum located at 20th SDRD & Shore Acres Drive (old 89), rain or shine; bring your chairs. Frank Solty, a well known local tree grower, will give us tips on planting, pruning and caring for healthy trees; some of our native trees will be showcased at the Tree Garden.

We would like people to be more aware of our Arboretum, so come along and enjoy the evening. There will be a flower show as usual at our meetings and the Lily Trophy may be won this evening. Please bring your entries from 6.30 to 7.15 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend and new members are always welcome. For information please call Kathy at 905-853-8785.

Euchre: Join Reg at St. Peter's Parish Hall for his weekly euchre game every Wednesday afternoon. Start time is 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come on out and join in the fun and fellowship. Call Reg at 705-456-6801 for all information. All proceeds go to the St. Peter's

building fund.

St. Peter's Anglican Church wishes to thank everyone who attended their Strawberry supper on June 21st. It was a huge success. Your support was greatly appreciated.

Smile: A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon. He placed four worms into separate jars; the first went into alcohol, the second went into a container of cigarette smoke, a third went into a container of chocolate syrup and the fourth went into good clean soil. At the conclusion of the sermon, the minister reported the results. The first worm in alcohol was dead.

The second worm in cigarette smoke was dead. The third worm in chocolate syrup was dead. The fourth worm in good clean soil was, surprise...alive! "So," said the minister, "what has this taught you?" Maxine was sitting at the back and quickly raised her hand and said, "As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms."

If you have any news/items for this column, please contact me at 705-436-9769 (voice mail available) or email me at lagerow@rogers.com.

County to move on electronic recycling

by Richard Blanchard

Simcoe County has given its provisional approval to a trial program to expand the recycling of household hazardous waste products and electronic equipment.

The county's Corporate Services committee gave provisional approval to a plan to allow residents to drop off many hazardous waste products and electronic/electrical equipment at two county landfill sites during their normal hours of operation.

The plan would see two landfill sites in North and West Simcoe which already have the Ministry of Environment approvals in place for collecting the hazardous waste.

If successful, the program would be expanded to all county landfill sites.

Among the material which would allowed to be collected would be low hazardous material such as batteries, paint, motor oil and fluorescent bulbs but not materials such as pesticides and herbicides.

The low hazardous materials already make up the bulk of items collected at the monthly hazardous days which are held at three locations through the county during the spring and summer months.

The county foresees that upwards of 400 tonnes of electronic and electrical equipment could eventually be collected at the county's landfills and diverted from landfill.

County staff hopes that the cost of the expanded program may be helped with the province's decision to expand the recycling of electronic and electric goods

What's going on with the environment?

News from the Greater Innisfil Chamber of Commerce

For the first time in decades we've seen the environment bubble to the top of the public opinion agenda. Climate change, Kyoto and concerns about greenhouse gases have captured the imaginations of individuals, businesses, the media and governments alike.

Businesses in Innisfil and across the province are watching with interest as clean air plans are unveiled. New legislation and regulations are bound to have an impact on the way businesses are run and operated, just as they will likely affect the way households approach day-to-day living.

Federal regulations will limit greenhouse gas emissions through mandatory reductions in various industries including oil and gas, forestry, electricity produced by combustion, iron and steel, cement and some mining sectors.

Companies failing to meet the standards will face penalties. A federal plan puts in place that a national target is to reduce smog by 50% by 2015.

It also commits to stop the rise in greenhouse gas emissions within 5 years and to reduce them by 18% by 2010 and 2% annually thereafter.

Programs are needed that produce realistic, continuous progress.

Most businesses are open to exploring ways to reduce their footprint, but they can not absorb dramatic changes overnight. Instead, changes should be phased-in and must measurably improve air quality.

The Greater Innisfil Chamber of Commerce will continue to promote consultation and dialogue, and to encourage consistency so that we can all achieve the right balance between economic and environmental sustainability.

Van Loan launches Conservative Party NASCAR

OTTAWA – Peter Van Loan, Member of Parliament for York-Simcoe and the Conservative Party have launched the sponsorship of a car on the Canadian NASCAR circuit at the Mosport Race Track in Bowmanville, Ontario.

The partnership with Whitlock Motor Sports will include the Conservative Party of Canada logo on the hood and front side panels of car number 29 in the Canadian Tire NASCAR Series.

"This is a unique opportunity for the Conservative Party to reach

out to Canadians," said Peter Van Loan. "The Conservative Party supports Canadians that work hard, pay their taxes and play by the rules and those are the same Canadians that watch sports like NASCAR."

"NASCAR has a growing fan base in Canada – including many enthusiastic fans in York-Simcoe," he added.

The partnership will also include Canadian Tire NASCAR Series races in Edmonton on July 20-21, 2007 and Trois-Rivieres on August 17-19, 2007.

