

Green hotline coming to Wellington, Dufferin

The Elora Environment Centre (EEC), a member of Green Communities Canada, has announced the

launching of a new Green Hotline.

Many people are becoming increasingly

concerned about and invested in issues that relate to our environment. Issues and questions such

as water safety, non-toxic garden maintenance, "green" cleaning products, air quality, real vs. artifi-

cial Christmas trees and methods of composting are all coming more and more into people's consciousness.

People need a place where they can go to ask questions, to wade through the plethora of information bombarding them, and/or be directed to existing resources.

The Green Hotline promises to be a relevant, unique, and timely environment resource to answer just these kinds of questions for those living in Wellington and Dufferin counties. It will be a central place people can call with questions on a wide variety of environmental topics. The Hotline will be staffed by knowledgeable people, and this knowledge base will be supplemented by volunteers – students and other people – who will do research to ensure we are delivering the most sound and helpful information available. EEC will also post the answers to the most commonly asked questions on their website in an FAQ

format.

In addition, the outreach programs will be a dynamic forum for participants to learn, to discuss with others who bring their own questions as well as knowledge, and to be connected with existing resources in their communities. The topics covered through the outreach programs will be based on the data analyzed from the Green Hotline. These outreach programs will be a wonderful way for people to become more engaged and empowered, and to enhance their knowledge about how best to act in an environmentally conscious way that best takes care of the soil, plants and animals, their local communities and families, as well as the global community.

The outreach programs will be an impetus for people to understand the interconnectedness of all things, and will show people practical ways to put environmental knowledge into practice. The new Hotline will provide the forum to invite and address these questions adequately.

The Green Hotline will benefit all 140,000 residents of Wellington and Dufferin who are interested in getting more information about how to make

good environmental choices. This hotline will also benefit organizations and agencies whose programs promote, for example, solid waste services for recycling.

"This environmental resource will also assist Canadian companies market green products because we'll be helping build demand for their products, e.g. composters and rain-barrels, and we'll provide a list of Ontario made products," said Elora Environmental Centre Project Manager Lynda Bausinger. "Finally, the Green Hotline will benefit the environment, because we'll be helping consumers to make green choices."

The new Green Hotline Kick-Off celebration is

scheduled for next Thursday, June 11, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the Elora Centre for the Arts, Harris Room, located at 75 Melville St., Elora. Anyone wishing to attend the kick-off should call 1-888-380-7337.

County officials, Ontario Trillium Foundation representative, the business community and residents will be in attendance.

This environmental initiative has been made possible through a grant by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, support from the Centre for Applied Renewable Energy and by Green Communities Canada. The Ontario Trillium Foundation is an agency of the Government of Ontario.

Julia Gimpel top winner at '09 GV duck race

Julia Gimpel of Grand Valley was the big winner at last weekend's Grand Valley Lions' Duck Race, garnering the top prize of \$1,000.

Next in line with a \$500 second-place finish was David Loveridge, Grand Valley, and the \$250 prize for third place donated by Greenwood Ready Mix

went to Bill McCutcheon, also of Grand Valley.

The other winners: Patricia P. Wixson, Orangeville, \$100 donated by Bryan's Fuel; Dave Gilman, Grand Valley \$100 donated by RBC Financial, and Teresa Coldwell, Grand Valley, \$100 donated by Arthurs Fuel Inc.



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A TASTE OF AUTUMN: While it's still the early summer, plans for the Rotary Club's Taste of Autumn, a showcase of the local culinary establishment, are already underway. Participating chefs shown here are George Madalena (Hockley), Jason Reiner (Mono Cliffs Inn), John Thambiah (The White Truffle), Ellie Jordan and Brenda Cox (Greystones) and Jill Sproule (Millcroft). Also shown are Taste of Autumn co-chairs Cory Jones and Cathy Campbell, as well as Rotarian Cynthia Rayburn. The event will be held October 2 at the Hockley Valley Resort. Tickets are \$150 per person. For information call 519-941-0681.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

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