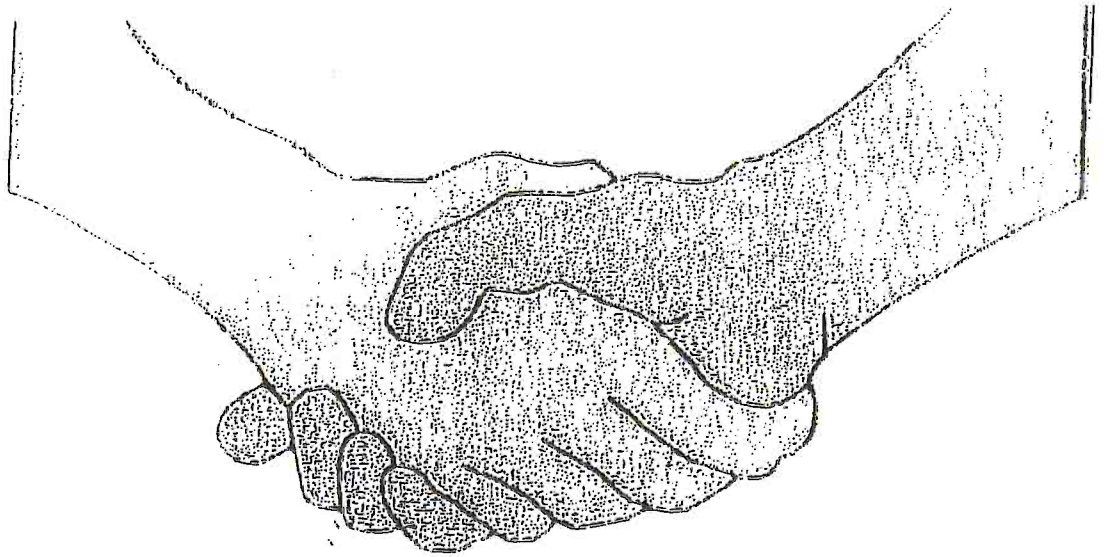


Thurlestone NewsMagazine



April 2010



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To inform and Entertain



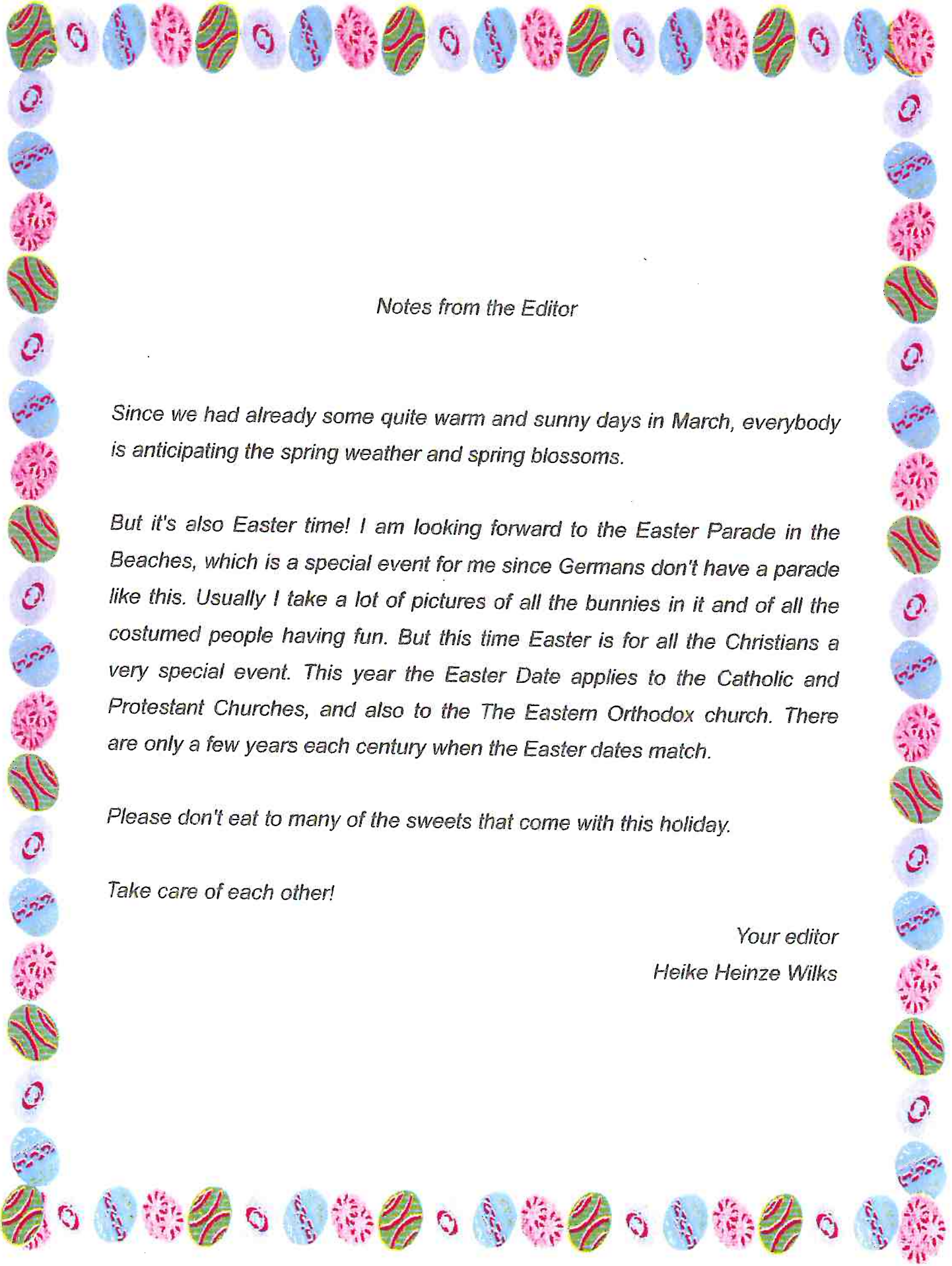
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Acknowledgements: Thanks to all those who helped make this issue possible. Special thanks to Mary Cullen (age 10, Unit 2C) who designed our cover. A very special thanks to Alba Salsona who delivers the NewsMagazine each month.

A decorative border of colorful Easter eggs surrounds the text. The eggs feature various patterns and colors, including red, green, blue, pink, and purple. Some have stripes, some have floral designs, and some have abstract patterns.

Notes from the Editor

Since we had already some quite warm and sunny days in March, everybody is anticipating the spring weather and spring blossoms.

But it's also Easter time! I am looking forward to the Easter Parade in the Beaches, which is a special event for me since Germans don't have a parade like this. Usually I take a lot of pictures of all the bunnies in it and of all the costumed people having fun. But this time Easter is for all the Christians a very special event. This year the Easter Date applies to the Catholic and Protestant Churches, and also to the The Eastern Orthodox church. There are only a few years each century when the Easter dates match.

Please don't eat to many of the sweets that come with this holiday.

Take care of each other!

*Your editor
Heike Heinze Wilks*

What Happened in April?

- 1st April Fool's Day
- 1st Firefighter Day
- 2nd Velcro was 1st put on the market, 1978
- 2nd Birthday of Hans Christian Anderson, Author of Fairy Tales, 1805
- 3rd Find a Rainbow Day
- 4th Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated, 1968
- 6th Tartan Day

- 7th World Health Day
- 8th Milk was sold in glass bottles for the first time, 1879

- 9th Birthday of Mary Pickford, 1893
- 10th Safety pin patented by Walter Hunt, 1849
- 11th Barbershop Quartet Day
- 12th Look Up at the Sky Day
- 14th John Steinbeck's novel "The Grapes of Wrath" published, 1939
- 15th Worlds first Hot Air Balloon flight, in Ireland, 1784
- 16th Charlie Chaplin's Birthday
- 17th National Sense of Smell Day
- 17th Daffy Duck's Birthday, 1937
- 18th First Crossword Puzzle Book published, 1924
- 19th Charles Darwin, scientist, died, 1882
- 20th First Mobile Home (horse drawn) used, 1879
- 21st Birthday of Charlotte Bronte, Author, 1816
- 22nd Earth Day
- 23rd Shakespeare's Birthday
- 23rd Lester B. Pearson's Birthday, 1897
- 25th Buddy becomes the first guide dog for the blind, 1928
- 26th Bird Day
- 28th Poetry Reading Day
- 30th National Arbor Day

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
THURLESTONE CO-OPERATIVE INC.
22 Fishleigh Drive, Unit 3
Scarborough, Ontario, M1N 1G9**

February 23rd, 2010

Present: Luci Walwich, Shannon Doyle, Pam Syvret, Melanie Lyle, Lois Logie and Diana Hogan

Regrets:

Absent:

Recording Secretary: Pam Syvret

Co-Chair: Luci Walwich

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm

2. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION TO APPROVE the Agenda
MOVED by Melanie. SECONDED by Lois. CARRIED.**

3. Adoption of the Minutes from January 28th, 2010

**MOTION TO ACCEPT the minutes of January 28th, 2010
MOVED by Lois. SECONDED by Melanie. CARRIED.**

4. Business Arising from the minutes of January 28th, 2010

NONE

5. Confidential Section – See Confidential Section

6. Co-ordinator's Report :

6.1 Administrative Update:

- a) **MOTION TO APPROVE Vacation, Sick, & Timesheet Report - January 31st, 2010 Report.**
Please note that in light of this being the busiest time of the year due to the budget preparation process and the subsidy verification process and given that the budget process requires evening meetings every week in March 2010 at either the Finance,

8.c) Proposed House Rules Amendment - Cont'd....

There was a flood in one of the units due to a washing machine and the Co-op's insurance paid for the damages to be repaired. They will not provide any such coverage in the future.

Therefore, to add an item #9 to the Co-op's House Rules as follows:

Members will not be permitted to use washing machines or dryers in their units, as they increase the co-op's risk of flood damage and increase the risk of health and safety hazards for members.

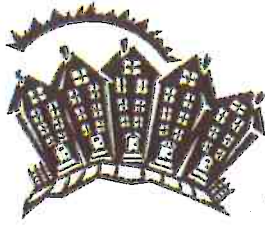
MOVED by Shannon. SECONDED by Lois. OPPOSED by Pam. CARRIED.

**MOTION TO buy two front loaders and one double front loader for 2 Folcroft Avenue.
MOVED by Lois. SECONDED by Melanie. CARRIED.**

- d) MOTION TO ACCEPT the resignation of Melina Purificato from Board of Directors
MOVED by Shannon. SECONDED by Lois. CARRIED.**
 - e) MOTION TO ACCEPT the resignation of Gillian Smith from Board of Directors
MOVED by Pam. SECONDED by Luci. CARRIED.**
 - f) MOTION TO ACCEPT the resignation of Travis Simmons from Board of Directors
MOVED by Pam. SECONDED by Shannon. CARRIED.**
 - g) Appointment of President for board – DEFERRED until upcoming General Meeting in March 2010.**
- 9. a) Approval of Date of General Members' Meeting – Thursday, March 25th, 2010**
b) Approval of General Members Meeting Agenda - March 25th, 2010 – DEFERRED
c) Need Minutes for GMM – September 23rd, 2009 and November 30th, 2009 – DEFERRED
- 10. Date of Next Board Meeting – March 9th, 2010 (to accommodate budget timetable)**
- 11. Adjournment at 9:05 p.m.**

Luci Walwich, Vice-President

Pam Syvret, Secretary



THURLESTONE CO-OPERATIVE INC.

22 Fishleigh Drive, Unit 3, Scarborough, ON, M1N 1G9
(416) 261-1110 (Phone) (416) 261-4744 (Fax)

NOTICE OF HOUSING CHARGE INCREASES

TO: ALL MEMBERS

At a General Members Meeting held on March 25th, 2010, a resolution was passed by the members approving both the Operating and Capital Budgets as presented for the upcoming 2010-2011 fiscal year (June 1st, 2010 to May 31st, 2011). The approved operating budgets include a 3% housing charge increase at 16, 18, 22 and 24 Fishleigh Drives, and a 2% housing charge increase at 2 Folcroft Avenue.

NEW HOUSING CHARGE RATES:

Therefore, please take notice that effective JUNE 1, 2010 your housing charges will be:

FISHLEIGH BUILDINGS

1 BEDROOM	\$748.00/month	(an increase of \$22/month)
2 BEDROOM	\$843.00/month	(an increase of \$25/month)

FOLCROFT BUILDING

1 BEDROOM	\$1005.00/month	(an increase of \$20/month)
2 BEDROOM	\$1080.00/month	(an increase of \$21/month)
3 BEDROOM	\$1169.00/month	(an increase of \$23/month)

PARKING CHARGE RATES:

PARKING CHARGES WILL REMAIN AT \$25.00/SPOT/MONTH.

LAUNDRY RATES:

ON JUNE 1ST, 2010 LAUNDRY CHARGES WILL INCREASE TO \$0.75 PER WASH OR DRY CYCLE.

SUBSIDIES:

All Households that have applied for housing charge assistance ("subsidy") will be required to pay the full market housing charges for their units as specified in the New Housing Charge Rates stated on page 1, unless or until they receive further written notice from the Co-op Office of a reduced housing charge rate to commence for their unit starting June 1st, 2010. Households deemed eligible for subsidy, and subject to subsidy availability, will be notified in writing by the Co-op not later than May 31st, 2010, prior to the new fiscal year beginning on June 1st, 2010.

Unless you receive a written notice from the Co-op Office of a reduced housing charge rate for your unit to commence on June 1st, 2010, then this will serve as your notice that you did not meet the housing charge assistance eligibility criteria, and/or that you failed to submit a completed subsidy application with all required supporting documentation, or that there was insufficient subsidy funding. In that event, please pay the New Housing Charge Rates for your unit as specified on Page 1 of this Notice commencing June 1st, 2010.

LAST MONTH'S HOUSING CHARGE ("LMHC") DEPOSIT INCREASES:

Due to the approved New Housing Charge Rates to take effect on June 1st, 2010, your Last Month's Housing Charge ("LMHC") deposit will also need to be increased so that it equals your New Housing Charge Rate for your unit plus parking (if any).

For example, a one-bedroom unit at Fishleigh is increasing from \$726 to \$748, an increase of \$22.00/m. Therefore, a one-bedroom Fishleigh household would add an additional \$22 to their June 1st, 2010 housing charge payment of \$748 in order to increase their LMHC deposit to the new required level of \$748.00, assuming they already had \$726 in their LMHC deposit account. On June 1st, 2010 they would pay \$748 HC plus \$22.00 LMHC increase = \$770.00 plus parking (if applicable).

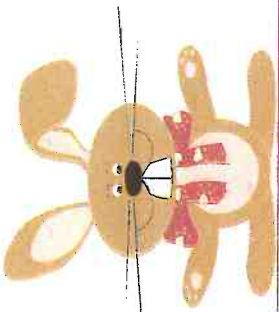
An individualized letter detailing your Last Month's Housing Charge account balance, plus any LMHC adjustment required for June 1st, 2010, plus any arrears on your account, will be forwarded to you prior to June 1st, 2010. This will serve to remind you to pay your new housing charges, plus any LMHC increase due, plus any arrears due on June 1st, 2010.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the office at (416) 261-1110 or by email: thurlestoncoop@rogers.com.

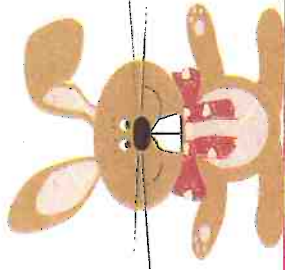
Yours truly,



Diana Hogan
Co-ordinator
March 25, 2010



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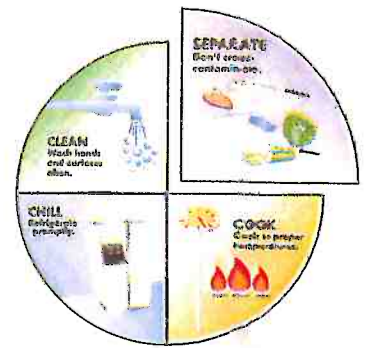


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11	12	13	14 Finance Mtg. 7:00	15	16	17
18	19 NewsMagazine 7:30	20 Board 7:30	21 Secretary Day	22  Earth Day	23	24 Membership 9:00am
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Ask the Nutritionist

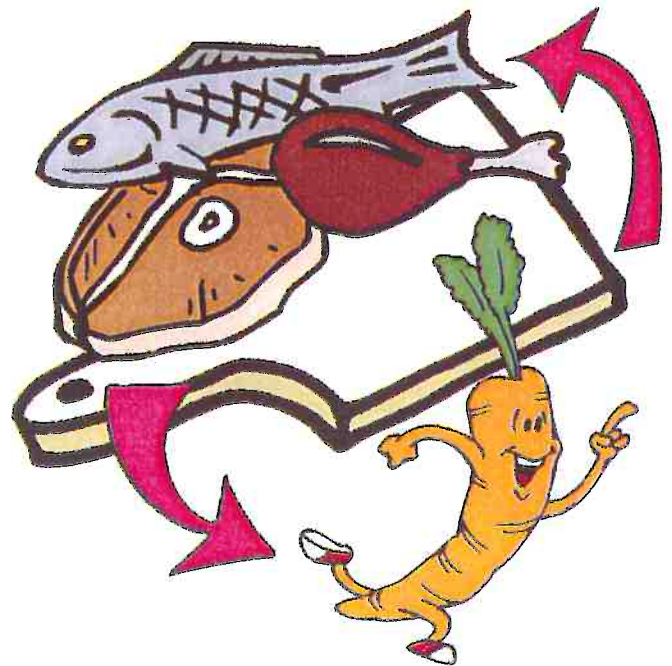
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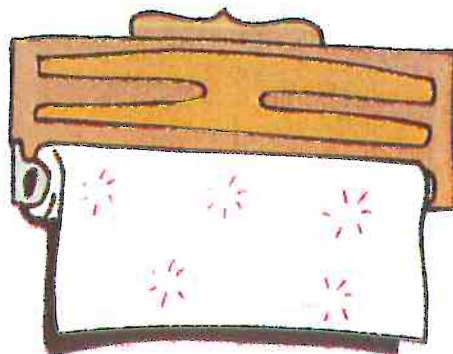
Combat Cross-Contamination Get It Straight - It's Safe to Separate!

Did you know that improper handling of raw meat, poultry and seafood can create an inviting environment for cross-contamination? As a result, bacteria can spread to food and throughout the kitchen.



Clean and then sanitize counter tops, cutting boards and utensils with a mild bleach solution (5ml/1 tsp. bleach per 750ml/3 cups water) before and after food preparation.

Consider using paper towels to wipe kitchen surfaces or change dishcloths daily to avoid the possibility of cross-contamination and the spread of bacteria. Avoid using sponges because they are harder to keep bacteria-free.



Tip:
Discard worn cutting boards



Keep It Clean! Lather Up

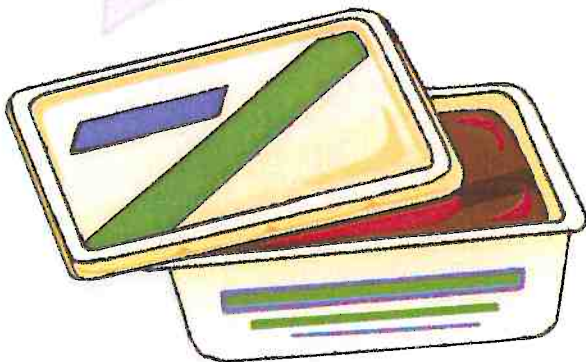
Always wash hands, cutting boards, dishes and utensils with hot, soapy water after they come in contact with raw meat, poultry and seafood. Sanitize them for the safest results.

Take Two

If possible, use one cutting board for fresh produce and use a separate one for raw meat, poultry and seafood.

Watch those juices! Safely Separate

Separate raw meat, poultry and seafood from other foods in your grocery shopping cart and in your refrigerator.



Seal It

To prevent juices from raw meat, poultry or seafood dripping onto other foods in the refrigerator, place these raw foods in sealed containers or plastic bags on the bottom shelves.

Clean Your Plate

Never place cooked food back on the same plate or cutting board that previously held raw food.

Marinating Mandate

Sauce that is used to marinate raw meat, poultry or seafood should not be used on cooked foods. Boil leftover marinade or prepare extra for basting cooked food. Wash and sanitize your brush or use separate brushes when marinating raw and cooked foods.

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March Quiz

Everyone will be wearing **green** this month. See if you can identify these shades of **green**. Submit your answers to the NewsMagazine box at the Office or to one of the Newsletter members to win a lucky 649 Ticket. The most correct answers wins but in case of a tie, the winners' names will be put in a hat and one will be drawn. Winner will be announced in the next issue of the Newsletter. Entries must be submitted by Apr 19th. Good luck.

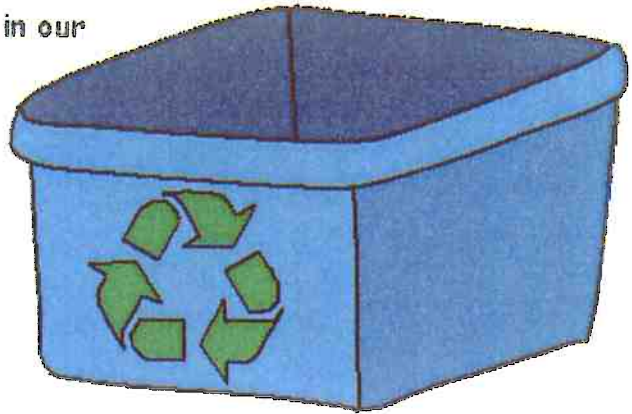
1. Associated with the military—Army green
2. The colour of celery—Celadon green
3. The colour of the May gemstone—Emerald green
4. The colour of the plant that grows in the shades of the forest—Fern green
5. A shade associated with a man with a gun in the forest—Hunter green
6. Associated with an Irish name—Kelly green
7. The colour of a citrus fruit—Lime green
8. The colour of the fungus that grows on rocks and trees—Moss green
9. The colour associated with a three leaf plant from Ireland said to bring good luck—Shamrock green
10. A green that comes from a pitted fruit associated with Greek food—Olive green
11. The colour of a semi-precious stone from China that brings good luck—Jade green
12. The colour of a spring vegetable with an edible stalk—Asparagus green
13. The colour of the foliage from a tropical forest—Jungle green

Name _____ Unit _____

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Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Earth Day Anagram



Hidden Word (circled letters):

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e s u e r

b a t i h a t

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v e e s r n o c

l a p n t

Name _____ Unit _____

Three Canadians died and found themselves standing before St. Peter. He told them that before they could enter the Kingdom, they had to tell him what Easter represented.

The first one said, "Easter is a holiday where they have a big feast and we give thanks and eat turkey."
St. Peter said, "Noooooo," and he banished her to Hell.

The second said, "Easter is when we celebrate Jesus' birth and exchange gifts."

St. Peter said, "Noooooo," and he banished her to Hell.

The third said she knew what Easter was, and St. Peter said, "So, tell me."

She said, "Easter is a Christian holiday that coincides with the Jewish festival of Passover. Jesus was having Passover feast with His disciples when He was betrayed by Judas, and the Romans arrested Him.

The Romans hung Him on the cross and eventually He died. Then they buried Him in a tomb behind a very large boulder ...

St. Peter said, "Venny good."

Then she continued, "Now, every year they roll away the boulder and Jesus comes out. If he sees his shadow, we have six more weeks of hockey."



HAPPY EASTER!!!!!!



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Answers on page 19

Did You Know...

Handy Hints



- One drop of water per second dripping from a leaky faucet wastes about 10,000 litres of water per year. (www.igreenbuild.com)
- A low-flow showerhead, compared to a standard showerhead, will reduce water use by 50% during a 5-minute shower (from 100 litres to about 50 litres) according to "Nature Canada".



Freezing 101

These simple dos and don'ts will help you keep your freezer full of dinner options.

Freezing Dos

- DO label items before adding them to your freezer. Include a description, the serving size and date.
- DO keep a list of what is in your freezer...and the date things were added. Cross things off as you remove them
- DO store similar foods together – stapes on one self, casseroles and prepared food on another.
- DO freeze foods in individual portions. That way, you can thaw only what you need and your thawing time will be shortened.

Freezing Don'ts

- DON'T choose containers that are too large for the food. Before sealing, squeeze excess air from freezer bags.
- DON'T fill your freezer with baking dishes. Line dishes with foil before assembling a casserole, wrap and freeze the finished casserole...then lift from dish and store in a resealable freezer-weight plastic bag.
- DON'T fill containers of soups, stews and sauces to the very top. Leave a 1-inch space to allow for expansion during freezing.



Shining the Light on Light Bulbs



Facts:

- ▶ Natural Resources Canada says if every household in Canada replace just ONE regular light bulb with a CFL bulb, greenhouse-gas emissions would be cut by nearly 4000,000 tonnes...and we'd save \$73-million in energy costs!!!
- ▶ According to the U.S. Dept. of Energy, the energy saved over the lifetime of ONE 24-watt CFL bulb is enough to drive a Prius from New York to San Francisco!!!

Question:

Are CFLs safe? Don't they contain mercury?

Answer:

CFLs do contain some mercury – about 1/5 the amount found in a common watch battery...enough to cover the tip of a ballpoint pen.

At the end of the bulb's life, most of these trace amounts are absorbed into its glass and metal components. Still, it's important to properly dispose of the bulbs.

If a CFL breaks, carefully sweep up the glass fragments and powder. Don't use a vacuum, because the vacuum will spread mercury in the air. Then clean the area with a damp paper towel to ensure you've cleared away all the glass.

The best place to dispose of used and broken CFL bulbs is through your local hazardous-waste collection program. (*Watch for news about special Environmental Days held annually at nearby community centres.*)

Cost Savings:

A 60-watt bulb x 4 hours = 24 cents per day.

A 15-watt CFL x 4 hours = 6 cents per day.



- ** Replacing a 60 watt incandescent bulb with a 15 watt CFL will save \$45.00 over the life of the CFL.
- ** The CFL will burn for about 10,000 hours, compared to about 1,000 hours for an incandescent bulb.
- ** Leaving your lights on not only increases your electricity bill, it also increased greenhouse gases. The more electricity you use, the harder power plants have to work.





Time to Get Your Garden Ready...

Before Garden Season

- ❖ Wash outdoor containers with a solution of 1 part liquid bleach and 9 parts water to kill disease pathogens.

April

- ❖ Early in the month, prune branches from forsythia and lilac bushes.
- ❖ Cut back overgrown clematis vines.
- ❖ Uncover roses when buds are red...and prune back to live greenwood.
- ❖ Edge the lawn.
- ❖ Remove last year's fruit-bearing canes from raspberries.
- ❖ Start seeds of heat-loving plants, such as tomatoes and basil, indoors.
- ❖ Purchase bailed and burlapped shrubs; plant before buds break.



Early May

- ❖ To eliminate insect larvae, spray roses and woody shrubs with dormant oil when danger of daytime frost is past, but before buds open.
- ❖ Vigorously rake lawn to remove thatch accumulations.
- ❖ Plant potted roses.
- ❖ Purchase shredded bark mulch and spread 2 inches thick over soil before weeds sprout.



LANDSCAPING

Work day will be at the end of April or early May, depending on the weather and the ground conditions.

Anyone wishing to order soil please contact Shari @ 416-267-1052.

Thanks

Shari



Small Ways to Go Green

- 1 **Get squeaky green.** Look for all natural cleaning products – it's better for you and the environment.
- 2 **Drop the disposables.** They're landfill clogging. Reusable mops and rags are better than disposable paper towels, mops or dusters.
- 3 **Slow your flow.** Canadians are the 2nd biggest water hogs in the world! Install a low flow shower-head, toilet and aerators on all your taps.
- 4 **Save your energy.** Switch to CFL bulbs, invest in Energy Star appliances and electronics and, yes, turn off the lights when you leave the room!
- 5 **Don't bug the planet.** Toxic pesticides are bad for your family and the planet. Plain soapy water will kill most outdoor bugs.
- 6 **Purge the packaging.** Buy in bulk when possible and avoid individually wrapped items. Take your own bags to grocery shop too.
- 7 **Let it slide.** Non-stick chemicals are building up in our bodies. Switch to cast iron or stainless steel pans, and try glass or stone bakeware.
- 8 **Act locally.** Cut back on polluting travel miles, hidden in nearly everything we buy. Look for goods made close to home.
- 9 **Eat green.** Chemical pesticides aren't good for you, the planet or the workers who handle them. Reach for certified organic foods.
- 10 **Personal Best.** Choose biodegradable and natural alternatives for personal grooming (soap, shampoo, suntan lotion, makeup).

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- Adria



UPCOMING COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL DAYS

**** Saturday, May 15th – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

W.A.Porter Collegiate

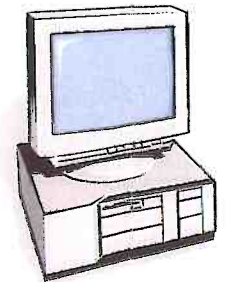
40 Fairfax Cres. (north of St. Clair, west of Warden)

**** Thursday, June 3rd – 4 – 8 p.m.**

Birchmount Bluffs Neighbourhood Centre

Birchmount at Kingston Rd.

Reuse, Recycle and Safely Dispose!



Drop off for recycling or proper disposal:

- Computer Equipment (e.g., desktops, laptops, hand-held portables, monitors, printing devices, etc.)
- Audio/Visual Equipment (e.g., telephones, cell phones, pda's and pagers, cameras, small TVs, radios, receivers, speakers, tuners, equalizers, turntables, projectors, recorders, DVD players and VCRs, etc.)
- Household Hazardous Waste (e.g., cleaning supplies and solvents, motor oil, paint, batteries, old/unused medication, mercury thermometers/thermostats, pesticides, fluorescent and compact fluorescent bulbs, propane tanks, etc.)

Items donated to local schools for reuse:

- Art supplies (e.g. pencils, markers, crayons, etc.)
- Buttons, keys, and collectors' coins and stamps
- Clipboards, corks and cork boards
- CDs and cases
- Children's books
- Costume jewellery including broken/old watches and clocks with hands
- Dress-up clothing (e.g. costumes, prom dresses, uniforms, etc.)
- Fabric pieces, yarn



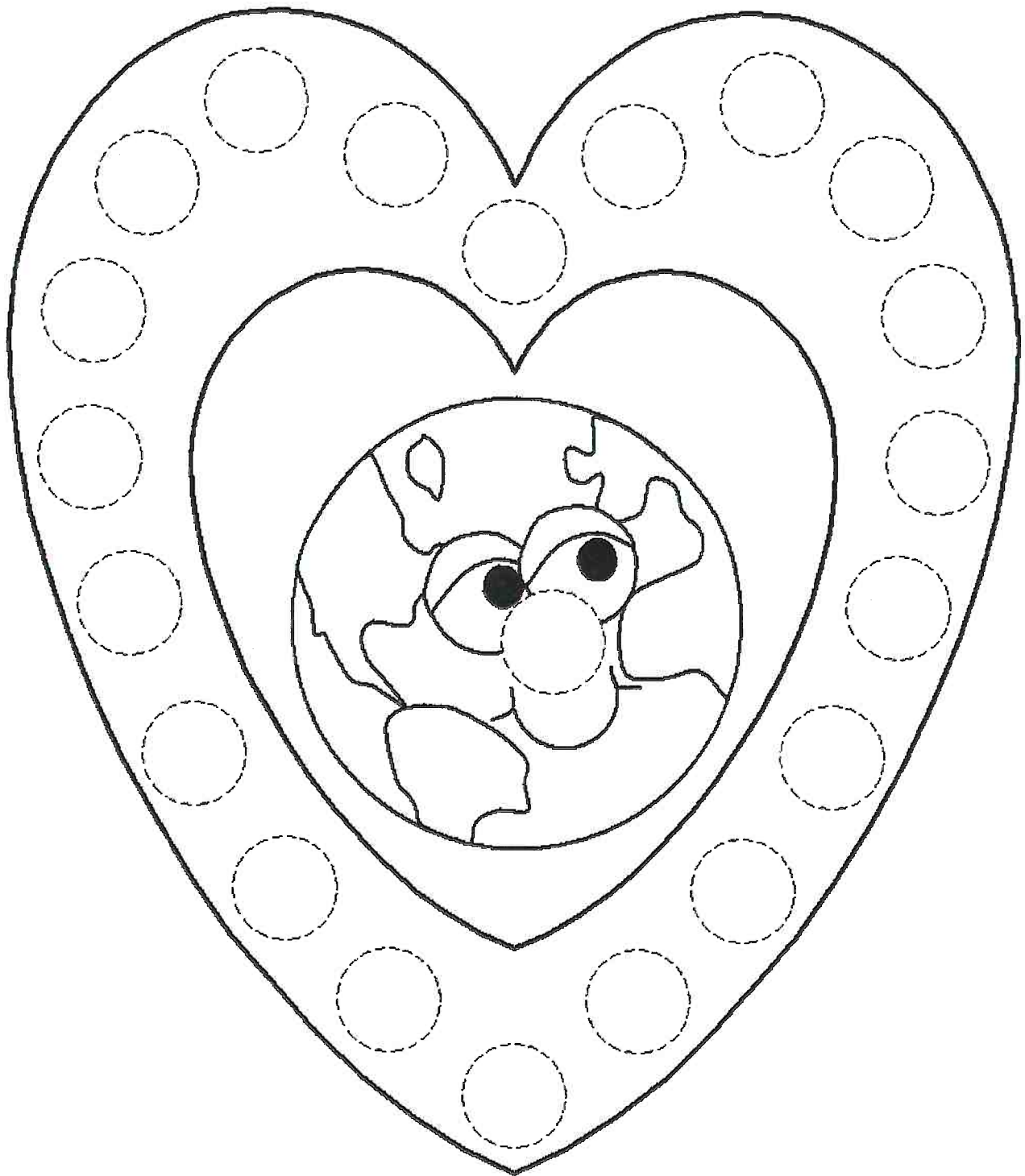
Items donated for reuse (please keep separate from others):

- Sporting goods (e.g. skates and jerseys)
- Books
- Medical equipment in good condition (e.g. eyeglasses, walking aids, hearing aids, etc.)
- Small household items (e.g. dishes, knick-knacks, ornaments, etc.)
- Textiles in good condition (e.g. clothing, linens, etc.)
- Non-perishable foods will be donated to a food bank

* **Please do not bring:** garbage, gasoline, wood, cassette and videotapes, or hazardous waste.

* **Note:** Recycle plastic shopping bags, foam polystyrene, empty paint & aerosol cans in your blue bin.

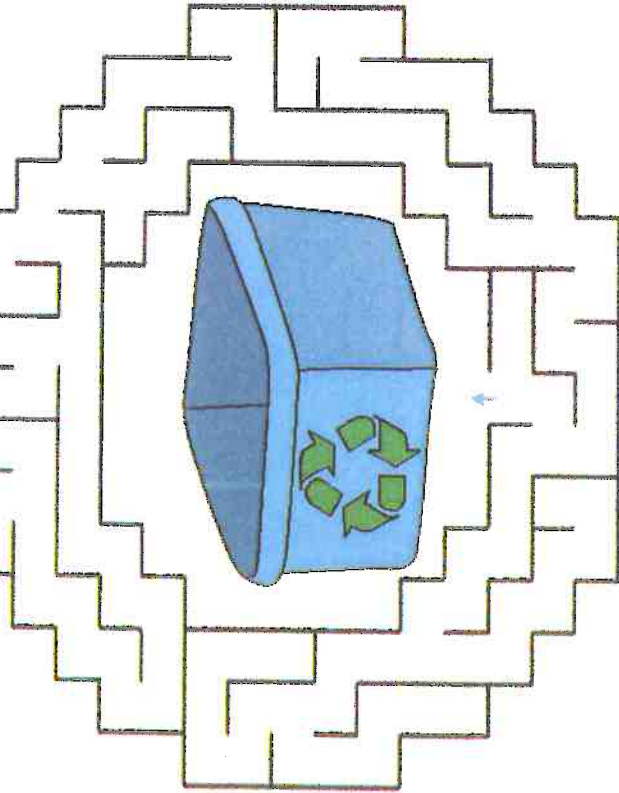
For more information visit www.toronto.ca/environment_days or call 311.



Love Your Planet!

Earth Day Maze

Help get the recycling into the bin.



Earth Day Word Search

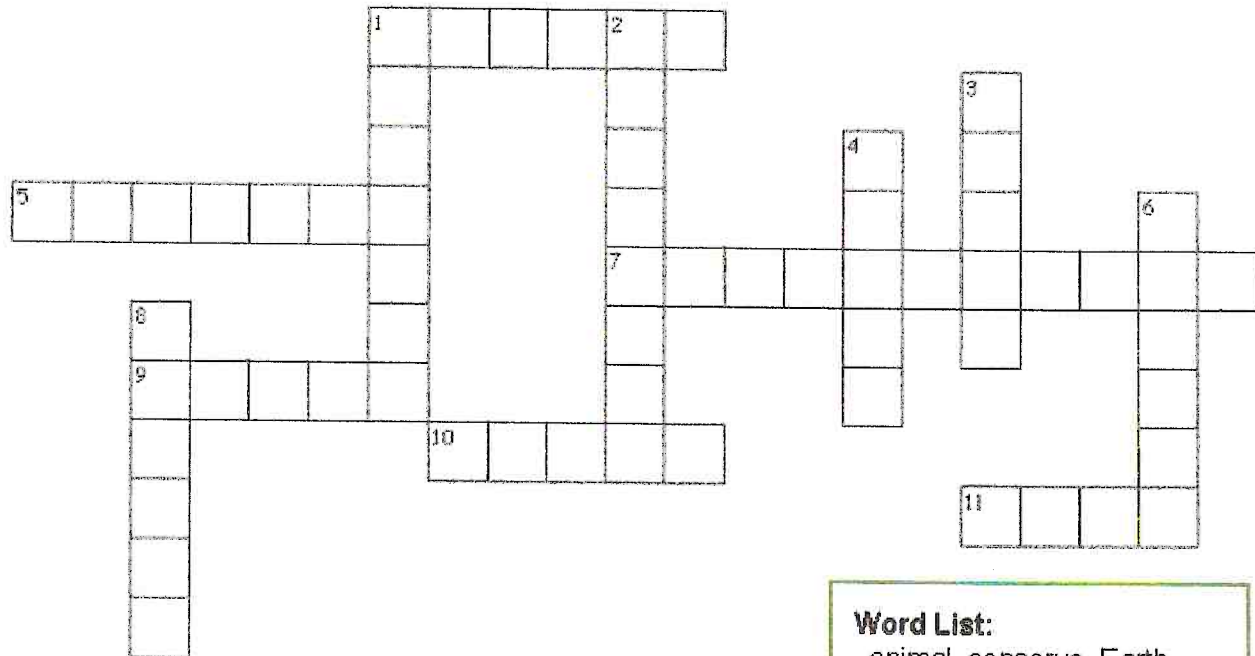
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Earth Day Crossword



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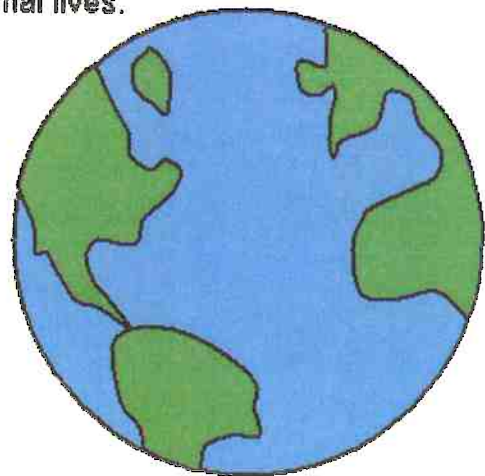
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ecology, environment,
growth, plant, recycle,
reduce, reuse, soil, water

Across

1. Use less -- use only what you need.
5. The science studying the relationship between plants or animals and their environment.
7. The surroundings in which a person, plant or animal lives.
9. Use an item again.
10. H₂O
11. The top layer of the earth's surface.

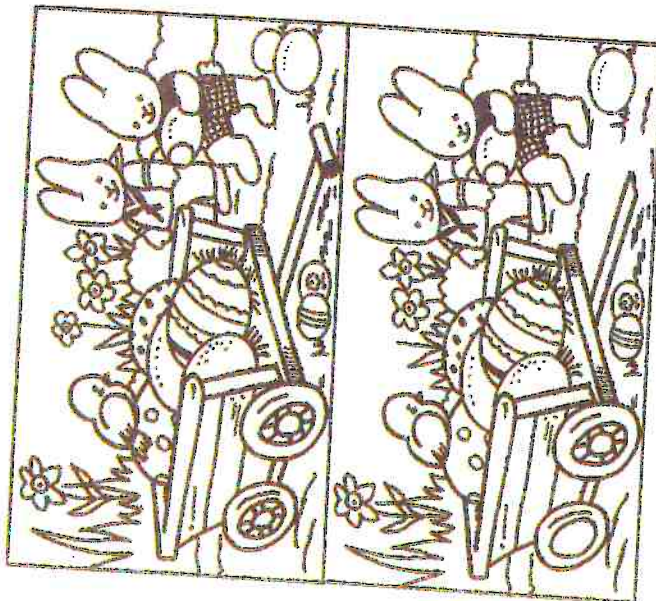
Down

1. Extract useful materials from garbage or waste.
2. Use carefully, avoiding waste.
3. A living organism that is not able to move itself.
4. The planet we live on -- the only known planet where life exists.
6. A living being capable of voluntary movement.
8. Getting bigger.

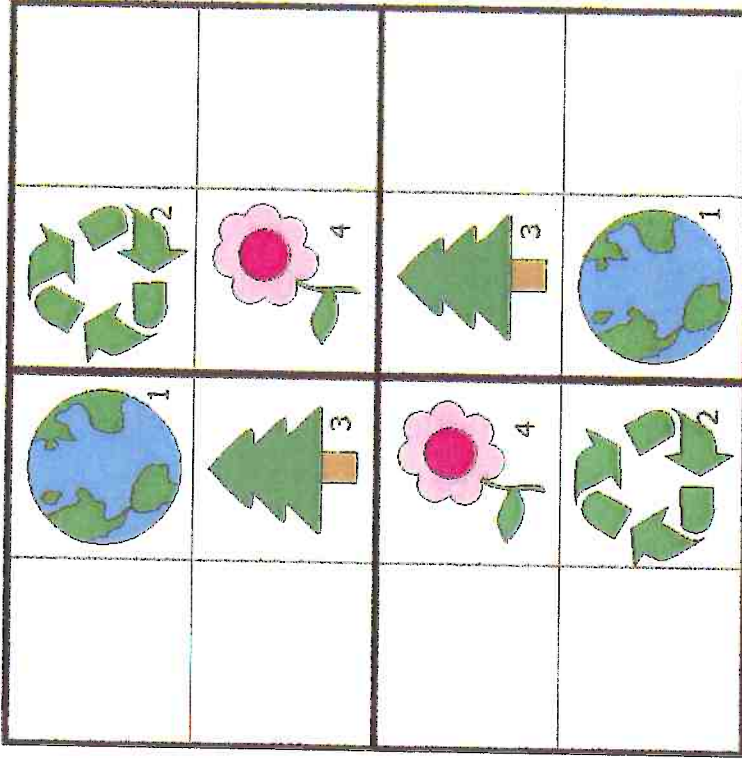


FIND THE 5 DIFFERENCES

These two pictures look exactly alike, but look again. Can you find five places where they are different?



Earth Day Sudoku



Each row, each column and each of the large four squares should have one of each image. Fill in the blanks!



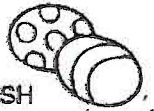


START

JUST FOR FUN!



FINISH



Help the bunny find his way through the maze
so he can really have a happy Easter!

SPRING CRYPTOGRAM

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
8	14	10	5	13	20	6	4	25	21	2	26	7	3	18	22	12	16	23	17	19	9	24	11	1	15

3 18 7 8 17 17 13 16 4 18 24 26 18 3 6 17 4 13

24 25 3 17 13 16 23 22 16 25 3 6 25 23 23 19 16 13 17 18

20 18 26 26 18 24

Directions:

This puzzle is called a Cryptogram. I've always loved doing them! At the top there is a KEY that lists all the letters from A thru Z with a box below. Each of the letters has a corresponding number.

The bottom part contains a secret phrase. Each of the blanks has a number underneath it. Fill in the letters that correspond to the numbers below the blanks to solve the phrase.

Hey Kids!
 If you decode the message—call me.
 Don't forget to tell me the message,
 leave your name, unit number and age.
 Luci 416-265-1649



Feedback

Congratulations! Mary Cullen (Unit 2C-9 years old) is the winner of the children's quiz. We had no winner for the adult quiz, Please submit this month's quiz answers to a member of the Committee, or deliver it to the black box by the Office door by April 19th. Good luck everyone.

Well, we did dream a little. Here it is the end of March and we have only 4 units that have yet to be inspected. Two of these have already made appointments for their inspections—two we have to chase some more. A very large thank you to those who responded on time and made the job so much easier. You can now breath a sigh of relief, see you next year.

GMM-Finance worked very hard to complete the budget for the March membership meeting. The turnout for the meeting was abysmal. It was the worst turnout I have seen in years. The budget did get passed so don't bother to complain about it now. You had a chance to voice your opinion but if you didn't come—it's too late now. Congratulations to our three prize winners.

EARTH HOUR on Saturday, March 27 (8:30-9:30 pm) was both good and bad. The good, actually the very best, was Building 24. The only lights I saw there was the flickering on candles in one of the units. Building 22 was pretty good, only a few apartments had their lights on. Now for the bad, Buildings 18 and 16 had quite a few lights on as did Folcroft. Some units must have forgotten it was Earth Hour as all their lights were on. It seems that even for 1 hour we have difficulty getting people to co-operate. What I would like to be able to calculate is the amount of money we saved by just turning off our lights at Folcroft for the one hour. The world average is about 780,000 kilowatt hours. But how much could we save. When I first came to Toronto in 1947 we had an hour a day when we would have no electricity. But then we didn't have refrigerators, tvs or all the fancy electrical equipment we have now (even our furnace was run on coal), so we weren't giving up much then. But I still enjoyed that hour when I would curl up with a book and read by candlelight.

EARTH DAY is Thurs. April 22. Let's hope we can do better for the environment that day. I would suggest we get clean-up parties and include all the kids and work on making the yards and our buildings (inside and out) cleaner. Here's a novel idea we could call it Spring clean-up day.

A happy Easter to all who celebrate this wondrous occasion.

Luci

