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About 30 employees of Ontario Power Generation spent a Saturday in early May doing spring yard work --but not their own. They spent the day supporting 13 of our senior neighbours as volunteers for a new community initiative coined "Operation Clean Sweep."

Joe Amantea, an Assistant Technical Engineer, wanted to do something to make a difference and thought about seniors who were unable to complete their own spring yard work. So, he sought out volunteers among his co-workers and promoted the support through local media outlets.

"I'm really proud of what we accomplished," says Joe. "The homeowners needed the help and were very appreciative."

In fact one homeowner was quoted as saying "It means my survival, since I can't do it anymore."

Another said "You've restored my faith in humanity."

Two more seniors came forward following the initial work day and employee volunteers have also completed their yard work.

Joe and his volunteers plan to make "Operation Clean Sweep" a yearly event.

Drop by for a visit

For the past 44 years we've been hosting planned groups and drop-in visitors at our Pickering Nuclear Information Centre. And we invite you to pay us a visit over the summer --by yourself or when family or friends are visiting.

Over the years, many a local resident has come to our Information Centre at the prompting of visiting family or friends with an interest in nuclear power or the electrical industry. Their

frequent departing comment has been "It was really interesting, I learned a lot and wish I had come here years ago."

Our self-serve Information Centre offers hands-on, interactive displays, videos, brochures, and staff to answer any questions you may have. There's no charge to visit and we're open Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays) from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Our address is 1675 Montgomery Park Road (travel south on Brock Road and follow the signs) and you can call us at 905-837-7272 or e-mail pickeringnuclear@opg.com.

We hope to see you soon!



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OPG Receives Safety Award

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) was recently presented with a ZeroQuest Gold Award from the Electrical and Utility Safety Association (E&USA). The award recognizes OPG's effort to continuously improve our safety performance, health and safety management systems and safety culture.

First recognized with the Gold Award in 2005, this latest award recognizes OPG's maintenance of this high level of performance for four consecutive years. OPG is the only company to reach this milestone in the program.

Regulator Reports Stations Operating Safely

The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) has released its annual assessment in which "CNSC staff concluded that nuclear power plants in Canada operated safely during 2008."

This assessment included Pickering A and B, which both received grades of Satisfactory and Darlington which received a grade of Fully Satisfactory for meeting the requirements and performance expectations of the regulator.

The report notes:

- There were no serious process failures at the nuclear power plants.
- No workers at any station or any member of the public received a radiation dose above the regulatory limits.

- No environmental releases from the plants were above regulatory limits.
- Canada was able to meet its international obligations regarding the peaceful use of nuclear energy.

The full CNSC report is available on their website at: www.cnscc.gc.ca.

Durham Resident New OPG President & CEO

Durham Region resident Tom Mitchell has been selected as the new President and CEO of Ontario Power Generation (OPG), after the recent retirement of Jim Hankinson.

Tom has served as Chief Nuclear Officer for OPG since 2006. Previously he held the position of Senior Vice President, Pickering 'B', responsible for the operation of the four Pickering 'B' reactors.

Tom has over 30 years of nuclear experience. Before joining OPG, he held the position of Vice President, Assistance Division, of the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations in Atlanta, Georgia. He also served as the Deputy Director of the Atlanta Center for the World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO).



A message from Wayne Robbins, Chief Nuclear Officer

Spring is a time of new beginnings. And so, the past month brought

news of our President and CEO, Jim Hankinson's plans to retire as of July 1. Former Chief Nuclear Officer, Tom Mitchell has taken the reins from Jim and I am very pleased to be the new Chief Nuclear Officer.

My career in the nuclear industry has centered on the Pickering and Darlington stations. Over the past 30 years I've learned that our real strength lies with our capable and committed employees. They appreciate that our business is all about performance and safely generating electricity for the people of Ontario. Our employees also appreciate they need to operate our facilities in a way that continues to earn the trust and support of our community neighbours. They care deeply about that accountability and take pride in their work.

Our collective efforts benefit not just our company, but each of us as consumers of electricity. Together, the Pickering A, Pickering B and Darlington stations produce almost 30 per cent of the electricity consumed in Ontario --in a safe, reliable and cost-efficient manner, while essentially producing no emissions that impact on clean air.

The arrival of spring also brings report cards, not only for students but also for the nuclear industry across Canada. The federal regulator, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission issues a report, grading how well each of the stations performed during the previous year.

I am pleased to report that Pickering A, Pickering B, and Darlington received good grades, and you can read more about our results in an article on this page.

I am proud of those achievements and of my fellow employees. After all, it's their experience and dedication that will ensure our nuclear stations continue powering your homes, summer camps and vacation destinations this summer.

I wish you and your family, safe and memorable times together.

Wayne Robbins

One Hour and 410 Trees Later

Thanks to all the community volunteers and the Ontario Power Generation "Green Team" (employee volunteers) who came out to Alex Robertson Park last month to help Environmental Stewardship Pickering (ESP) plant over 400 trees extending the wildlife corridor bordering the Hydro Marsh.

With more than 200 volunteer tree planters the work was done quickly, however the benefit of the labour will be enjoyed for many, many years. As part of Pickering Nuclear's biodiversity program and partnership with community groups, more than 6,000 trees have been planted in Alex Robertson Park since 2004.

To learn more about ESP and future activities, please e-mail: stewardship@cityofpickering.com.



A plot to help food bank

Many of our community partners are struggling to meet the increased needs during the current economic challenges. As a good corporate citizen, Ontario Power Generation is continuing to support our partners to better our community as best we can. Sometimes it's through sponsorship funding, sometimes it's through in-kind support, and often it's through employee volunteerism.

St. Paul's on the Hill Community Food Bank is one of our community partners that needs help to meet the increased number of families requiring their assistance. As part of our overall effort to support them, we've acquired a garden plot to grow vegetables and donate them to the food bank.

Thank you to the Pickering Community Garden for supplying the garden plot, vegetable seeds, plants, and organic fertilizer. A number of Ontario Power Generation employees have volunteered to grow and harvest the garden's vegetables.



Tom Davis, an Authorization Training Supervisor at the Pickering Learning Centre, volunteers with our local food bank. He picks up donations at a local grocery store and delivers them to the food bank once a week.

"I was looking for a way to give something back to my community and was shocked to learn that about 6,000 or 3% of the residents



in Pickering and Ajax were supported by this food bank in 2008 and half of them were children," says Tom. "And with the worsening recession the number has undoubtedly climbed since then."

Tom says the food bank, which is a not-for-profit organization made up entirely of volunteers, can always use monetary and food donations. Of particular need at the moment are pasta sauce, tuna, canned meats, canned stew and chili, canned fruit, dry soup noodles, cereal, lunch snacks, tea, coffee, crackers, flour, and sugar. They will also accept fresh fruit and vegetables.

There is also a need for a supply of boxes (new), the size and sturdiness of a beer case. These are used to hand out the standard allotment of canned goods to clients.

Volunteer drivers for donation pick-ups are also being sought.

St. Paul's on the Hill Community Food Bank is currently located at 1537 Pickering Parkway (in the storage units) and can be reached at 905-839-9537.

Big Support for Big Bike

Employees Raise more than \$16,000

Ontario Power Generation employees retained their title as top contributors for the Big Bike for the Heart & Stroke Foundation and won the "Spirit Award" during this year's event in Pickering.

Our four teams showed up in their themed costumes with lots of enthusiasm and raised more than \$16,000 in honour of their families, friends, and the millions of Canadians who have suffered or are at risk of suffering from heart disease and stroke.

Congratulations to the event organizers, all participants, and supporters for contributing to a healthier future for Canadians everywhere.



(photo credit to: Andrea Rataj and Pickering Dragon Boat Club)

Wonderful Weekend

The first weekend in June boasts a bevy of community events and Ontario Power Generation was a proud partner and participant in many of them, including the annual Pickering Dragon Boat Festival which drew over 140 teams and many spectators. The Ajax and Pickering Rotary Ribfest drew over 50,000 people and did a great job of "greening" the event in their second year. The Pickering Village Jazz Festival and the Brooklyn Spring Fair were also fun events that we enjoy along with the rest of the crowds every year. Congratulations and thank you to the many event volunteers contributing their hard work to enrich our community on this weekend and year round.

Thursdays In The Park

Join us for some free family fun at Rotary Park in Ajax on two Thursdays this summer. It's a great way to enjoy our waterfront and pick up some valuable new knowledge at the same time.

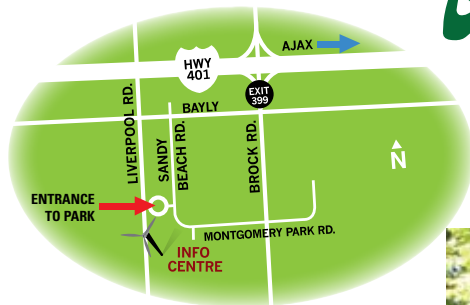
"Come Fly A Kite" is our first program to be hosted on Thursday, July 16. Kite flying is great fun and it's easy if you know some of the Toronto Kite Flyers secrets and safety tips. So roll up your sleeves to make your own kite and join in the fun!

There's just one sky but it's big enough for everyone!

"Wild In The Park" is our second program to be hosted on Thursday, August 13. Discover the wildlife in Rotary Park with friends from Toronto and Region Conservation. Hike through the woods, over the meadow and past the marsh in search of the animals, reptiles and birds that call the park home. Play a wildlife themed game to learn about how animals survive. You'll be surprised at the wildlife you can find right in your backyard!

Both programs begin at 10 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult and due to the nature of the activities, day care groups and camps cannot be accommodated. For more information, please phone our Community Information Line at 905-837-7272.

Tuesdays on the trail



All activities (except sand castle building) start at Sandy Beach Road entrance to Alex Robertson Park.

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Join us for Tuesdays on the Trail 2009

Tuesday, July 14, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.: *Castles in the Sand*

Learn sculpting techniques and create a sand castle under the guidance of artist Susan Lindo of the Durham West Arts Centre. Park at the foot of Liverpool Rd. and look for the OPG tents on the beach just west of Pickering Nuclear. Dress for a mess!

Tuesday, July 21, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.: *Come Fly a Kite*

Kite flying is great fun and it's easy if you know some of the Toronto Kite Flyers secrets and safety tips. So roll up your sleeves to make your own kite and join in the fun! The sky is big enough for EVERYONE!

Tuesday, July 28, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.: *Never Say Ugh to a Bug*

Develop a new appreciation of bugs - become an entomologist with Scientists in School! Examine a variety of living and preserved invertebrate specimens. Investigate bug behaviour and habitat. Explore insect life cycles and learn how they differ from other invertebrates. Discover the benefit and beauty of bugs!

Tuesday, August 4, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.: *Power Rangers*

Discover symbols and images hidden within the Kijimba Kind trail sculptures then carve your own wearable keepsake using power grinders with PineRidge Arts Council's own, Dorsey James. Power tools for ages 8 and up only.

Tuesday, August 11, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.: *Pastimes of Past Times*

Take a step back in time and enjoy what history has to offer. Learn how families spent their leisure time 100 years ago. Try your hand at good old-fashioned pioneer games and build your own toy!

Tuesday August 18, 10 a.m.: *Morning Program: Cathy's Crawly Composters*

Yeah, we know. Lots of people think earthworms are yucky, but they keep our environment healthy! Learn about the cool science of vermiculture with worm advocate, Cathy Nesbitt.

1 p.m.: *Afternoon Program: Shakespeare in the Park*

Looking for a hands-on opportunity for children to experience live, outdoor summer theatre? The Driftwood Theatre group is hosting "Shakespeare's Shorts", a unique blend of kid-friendly workshops and performances focusing on the works of William Shakespeare.

Tuesday, August 25, 8 p.m.: *Movie Under the Stars*

It's all the fun of the drive-in, without the cars! BYO lawnchairs and find a cozy spot on the grass for this last blast of summer fun at Alex Robertson Park. In partnership with St. Paul's on the Hill Community Food Bank. Bring a non-perishable food item to help fill a truck.

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