

2009 AGM Notice



www.conserversociety.ca

2009 Annual General Meeting

Food Security in Hamilton: how do we achieve it?

Come out and support the Conserver Society of Hamilton & District:

- Participate in the annual general meeting
- Provide your suggestions for Conserver program and activities
- Nominate board members
- Have some great local food (CS members only please)
- Hear a great speaker on an important subject

Encourage your friends and family to attend the speaker sessions.

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Sarah Wakefield, co-chair of Hamilton's Food Security Committee.

April 14th, 2009

Binkley United Church (1570 Main St W., Hamilton, ON L8S 1E8)

Agenda

- 6:00 Refreshments
- 6:45 AGM
- 7:30 Keynote Speaker

Dr Sarah Wakefield

Sarah is an associate professor in geography and planning at the University of Toronto where her research focuses on urban food security and its relationship to health. She is an almost-lifelong resident of Hamilton and did her masters and doctoral degrees at McMaster. She co-chairs Hamilton's "Community Food Security Stakeholders Committee".



Sarah's current research deals with various aspects of urban food security. Specific research topics include local food policy and practices, neighbourhood-level food access, and alternative food systems.

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Special AGM Issue

Please remember to
renew your Conservers
membership—see the
last page for a
membership form!

Call for Nominations!

The Conservers Society Board is seeking nominations for the 2008-09 Board of Directors.

If you are interested and able to contribute, please contact Alison Healing, Nomination Committee at contact@conserversociety.ca.

Being a board member involves spending between 5-6 hours a month to prepare for and attend meetings in the Hamilton area and contribute to projects that the Society

Your Membership is Valued

Your membership in the Conservers Society is valued.

We depend on your support.

Please renew your membership today for 2009.

Membership renewal time has come round again and we hope you will complete the form on the last page of this notice continue your support.

Your membership help us support valuable, community programs.

Some of the projects we have been doing over the past year have included:

- Attended all City Pesticide Sub-Committee meetings
- Continued to partner with Environment Hamilton in the "Improving the Environment in North Hamilton Neighbourhoods" project.
- Also with Environment Hamilton, agreed to continue support the "Farm Fresh Hamilton" project. Developments on this are pending
- Continued support for the

www.hamiltonreuses.com website.

- Held public events with speakers on fluoride in drinking water.
- Supported the revision of EcoHouse interpretive signage.
- Have been active and supported efforts to combat efforts to develop Pleasant view Lands and Desjardin Canal.
- Participating in the Nature Walk-A-Thon

Please send us your ideas for presentations or projects and help by becoming involved.

If you are able to assist with a project or sit on the board, please let us know—we could use your help.

"If we had to pay for services provided by ecosystems - we might value them more."



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Conserving the environment for over 21 years in Hamilton.

The **Environmental Advocate** is published 2 or more times a year by the **Conserver Society of Hamilton and District Inc.**, a non-profit, non-partisan citizen organization concerned with the environment in the region at the western end of Lake Ontario.

Editor: Pete Wobschall

Submissions for the Newsletter are invited and should be sent to the mailing address or to the editor at contact@conserverociety.ca (Email submissions preferred, please)

The **Conserver Society of Hamilton & District Inc** is a registered Charitable Organization. Tax receipts are available.

Basic membership fees are \$20 for an individual, \$30 for a family, (half price for low-income) and \$40 for an organization.

We welcome donations in addition to the basic membership fee. There is a 2009 membership form included with this newsletter in the case that you wish to renew, join, or pass onto a friend.

Transition Town Update

Transition Town is a project supported by the Conserver Society; who have funded the DO IT project.

Source: The Dundas Star

Transition Town ideas roll in
By Craig Campbell,
News Staff

Mar 13, 2009

A total of 47 environmentally-friendly project ideas were submitted in the month-long Transition Town contest.

Several innovative transportation related projects, and exciting proposals for the downtown core were among dozens of potential winners that could take home three cash prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100 next month.

A panel of judges is now reviewing the suggestions and narrowing the competition down. They'll announce the winners at a special public meeting on Friday, April 3 at 7 p. m. in the Dundas Town Hall upstairs auditorium.

The meeting is also expected to provide an opportunity to bring potential volunteers together to help make some of the suggestions a reality.

Dundas Ontario In Transition, or "Do It", wants the details of the submissions kept under wraps until the big event on April 3. But anyone attending the meeting will likely be impressed by some of the interesting original suggestions.

The local group developed based on a model from the United Kingdom, where individual communities found innovative ways to deal with rising oil prices, global

warming and neighbourhood resilience in the face of major economic and environmental change.

But projects undertaken by other Transition Towns, and several suggested in the local ideas contest, also show elements of bringing the community together in distinctive, fun ways.

For more information on Dundas Ontario In Transition, and the Transition Town movement, visit the group's website at www.dundasontariointransition.ca and be sure to attend next month's meeting at Dundas Town Hall to start some of the projects going.

The following excerpt is from:
www.dundasontariointransition.ca.

What is a Transition Town?

A Transition Town is a community making an organized effort to tackle the dual challenges of peak oil (declining resources) and climate change.

The first goal of the Transition Town initiative is to promote sustainable living.

A second guiding principle of Transition Towns is the acceptance that while society has shifted towards more individualism, we cannot tackle these global issues alone.

The idea of Transition Towns emerged from the work of Rob Hopkins in Kinsale, Ireland, in 2005. It has spread rapidly to over 100 communities across the U.K., Australia, New Zealand and many other parts of the world.

LETS DO IT!

Conserver Society of Hamilton & District 2009 Membership Application or Renewal Form

Your membership fee enables us to be an effective voice for a healthy, sustainable environment in Hamilton and the surrounding area. As a member in good standing, you will be entitled to receive the Environmental Advocate (our newsletter), participate in projects and activities of the Society and its chapters and vote at our Annual General Meeting.

The Conserver Society is a non-partisan, registered charitable organization. We gratefully accept donations above the basic membership fee. You will receive a tax receipt for the amount of your membership fee and any donations you choose to make.

Please print this form, fill it out and return it with your cheque to:

Membership Director

Conserver Society of Hamilton & District

Box 89002, 991 King St. West

Hamilton, Ontario, L8S 4R5

Yearly (2009) Membership Fee Individual _____ \$20 Family _____ \$30 Organization _____ \$40

(Individuals or families on low incomes are entitled to request a 50% reduction in fees.)

I would like to make an additional tax-deductible donation of \$ _____

I am submitting a total of: \$ _____

Cheques should be made payable to Conserver Society of Hamilton & District.

Member Information

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Date: _____ Check here if this is a membership renewal: _____

Please direct the chapter portion of my membership fee to the following chapter:

_____ Ancaster _____ Dundas _____ Hamilton

If you do not specify a chapter, your entire fee will be directed to the parent body and allocated to Conserver Society activities as needed.

Thank you!