

Dear Land Over Landings supporters,

It's hard to believe that summer's nearly over. The past 2-1/2 months have been a blur of activity, culminating in a busy August 17-18 weekend.

NEEDED URGENTLY

Can you help? We need:

- volunteers to coordinate teams at events and food markets
- volunteers to hand out information and to sell buttons, t-shirts, and signs at events and food markets
- a graphic designer to create posters
- a volunteer to head up fundraising
- business owners willing to display our buttons at reception desks and check-out counters, with a jar for donations
- donations! If we're to be successful in this fight, we'll need to pay lawyers and commission environmental and other reports.

Please e-mail us at info@landoverlandings.com or phone 905-649-2433. We need YOU.

REPORT ON THE SUMMER...

Public Information Session, Port Perry, July 30

Land Over Landings addressed a receptive crowd at an evening info session hosted by P'lovers, in Port Perry. This was the first of a planned series of community meetings to inform the public and to counter the misinformation that's out there.

A 90th Birthday Celebration, August 17

Close to 150 people gathered at a garden party in Claremont to fete Land Over Landings' honorary chair, Lorne Almack, on his 90th birthday. In the crowd were many original members of People or

Planes, not least Charles "Doc" Godfrey, a spry 95! Lorne said that once the partying was over, he'd be ready to talk strategy with us. You're on, Lorne!



Lorne and Land Over Landings vice-chair, Pat Valentine. Photo by Ken Mulveney.

MAYDAY, Town of Ajax, August 17

PACT POW (Pickering-Ajax Citizens Together Protecting Our Water) invited us to take part in their MAYDAY rally. Elizabeth May, MP, leader of the Green Party of Canada, was the keynote speaker. After the official part of the event, she took time to visit our booth and pledge her personal support for a strategy to fight an unneeded airport on prime farmland in Pickering. There were plenty of sales of "No Pickering Airport" signs, t-shirts, and buttons, and we signed up many new supporters.



Elizabeth May with Land Over Landings' Joanne Azevedo, Aileen Provan, and Sharon Powell. Photo by Peter Rodrigues.

Food & Water First Celebration, Honeywood, August 18

A large contingent staffed our table at this well-attended event. It wasn't just a celebration of the death of the mega-quarry; it was a call to action to save prime farmland across the province – and it shone the spotlight squarely on the airport-threatened farmland of Pickering. To drive the point home, Bill Lishman (“Father Goose”) flew his ultralight between the two areas, landing to great applause in a Honeywood field.

Bill, Carl Cosack (who led the mega-quarry fight), and Dale Goldhawk, of Zoomer Radio's Goldhawk Fights Back, were speakers at the event. We sold even more signs, shirts, and buttons, made some terrific contacts, and signed up more supporters. It was a great day!



Bill Lishman comes in for a landing at Honeywood.



Pat Horne, Ingrid Pechenkov, Aidan Morgan, and Heather Rigby staff our booth at Honeywood. Photos by Jim Miller.

COMING UP...

Claremont's 175th Anniversary Celebration, September 21

Join us at Claremont's Heritage Festival! Land Over Landings will be there for the celebrations (check the Claremont Community Website for details: <http://claremontcommunity.ca/>). We'll be showcasing and selling locally grown food, and we'll be rallying folks to the cause. If we all work together, we can help ensure that this historic rural hamlet will be saved from airport and warehouse blight and will continue to charm residents and visitors alike for another 175 years.

Public Information Session, Claremont, October 15

Our featured speaker will be that dynamic farmer, Carl Cosack, who led the successful mega-quarry fight and who now heads up Food & Water First. We will also report on the Pickering airport saga, the reasons why an airport will fail here, and the reason why preserving farmland – the land that feeds us – is so vital to this area and the GTA, and makes such powerful economic sense. More details in our next UPDATE. In the meantime, mark your calendars and tell your neighbours. This is an evening you won't want to miss.

See you soon!

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