

COMMENT

'Quote unquote'

'If we lost the wild bees, we would lose all of our flowering plants.'
— Ecologist Brenda Van Ryswyk... see story pg. 5

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The way we were



Glen Williams Hotel

Though unrecognizable today, the duplex close to the northwest corner of Prince and Main Streets in the "Glen" was once the Glen Williams Hotel pictured here circa 1910. Built in 1849 by William Alexander, it served as a tavern for travellers and farmers waiting for their grain to be ground to flour or trees to be sawn into boards at the local mills. With the introduction of national prohibition in 1919, it became a boarding house with the adjacent stables as a "boarding house" for horses— potential Queen's Plate winners were housed here by Seagram Distillers for many years. In 1946, the building now known as the Glen Oven Café was built in the stableyard.

Information: Halton Hills Heritage; Photo: Courtesy of the Esquesing Historical Society

From our readers

CHEQUE-MATES

Jayne Smiley (left) of Lydia Snow North Halton Branch Retired Women Teachers of Ontario presented a \$1,000 cheque to Dymphna Dewar of Literacy North Halton recently. The donation is part of the outreach commitment of the Lydia Snow Branch and is to support learning in the communities of Acton, Georgetown and Milton.

Submitted photo



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Raising local concerns with provincial ministers

Last month I attended the annual meeting of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

I was joined by Councillors Bryan Lewis, Jane Fogal and Moya Johnson. Attending this conference gave me an opportunity to have face time with many provincial cabinet ministers and advocate on behalf of Halton Hills residents.

Two years ago I met with Minister of Health Deb Matthews for hospital funding; which she delivered. This year I met with the Minister of Child & Youth Services, Municipal Affairs, Health and Infrastructure.

These discussions gave me a chance to express my concerns with the affordability of the Province's Places to Grow plan; and now a new Growth Plan to 2041 and the potential Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) costs.

Canadian municipalities are urging Ottawa to act swiftly on rail safety especially after the disaster of Lac-Mégantic. There isn't a community in Canada in which trains do not regularly travel through carrying passengers and other cargo.

I applaud FCM and third vice-president, Clark Somerville on their leadership on this important issue.

Be sure to mark Saturday, October 26 on your calendar for the third annual Mayor's Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball being held at the Acton Town Hall.

All proceeds will be donated to the Georgetown Hospital Foundation and the Stay At Home and Play arena campaign.

For more information please, contact Nancy Surette at 905-873-2601 ext. 2340 or email nancys@haltonhills.ca. Last year's event sold out, so get your tickets early!



RICK BONNETTE

Be sure to visit our local fairs in September! There will be lots of activities for the whole family!

Georgetown Fall Fair is the weekend of September 6, 7 and 8

Acton Fall Fair is the weekend of September 13, 14, 15

Please come out on Sunday, September 29 to support our local hospital with its annual Georgetown Hospital Walk.

Check in starts at 9:30 a.m. and the walk starts at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 29 is also the grand opening of the new Mold-Masters SportsPlex Twin Rink Expansion. There will be free activities, including a public skate, entertainment and refreshments.

The official ribbon-cutting will be at 1:30 p.m. Bring the whole family.

Congratulations to Sheridan Nurseries and to the Acton Fall Fair on celebrating 100th anniversaries.

Keeping it real! I can be reached by telephone at 905-873-2601, ext. 2342 or by email at mayor@haltonhills.ca or read my blog at www.rickbonnette.blogspot.com. You can also follow me on twitter at: @RickBonnette1

—Rick Bonnette is the mayor of Halton Hills

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