

COMMENT

**'Quote
unquote'**

*'These are vulnerable members of society
and don't deserve to have added stress...'
... see story pg. 5*

The way we were



Main Street maintenance...1919 style

In 1919, the Main Street of Acton was yet to be paved. A horse drawing a water-filled tank was needed to help keep down the dust.

*Information provided by Heritage Halton Hills
Photo courtesy Esquesing Historical Society*

From our readers



THE BIG PICTURE

Georgetown Chrysler Dodge Jeep Fiat recently ran a VIP and Conquest sales event in which Linda Armstrong (centre) won a flat screen TV for purchasing a 2013 Dodge Dart. On hand to present the TV are, from left, Georgetown Chrysler service manager John Bala, sales team member Tyler Widdess, general manager Carman Widdess and sales manager Andrew Donnahee.

Submitted photo

**Got a photo you want to share?
Email: jmcghie@theifp.ca.**

Region is committed to safety

For the fifth consecutive year, Halton Region has been named the Safest Place to Live in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and the Safest Regional Municipality in Canada.

The results are determined based on Statistics Canada's 2011 Crime Severity Index (CSI) scores. The CSI scores six personal and property crimes including homicide, sexual assault, aggravated assault, auto theft, robbery and breaking and entering.

Through actions identified in the Citizens' Priorities Action Plan, Halton Region is committed to working in partnership with the Halton Regional Police Service and community partners. Some of the programs we have implemented to encourage safety include Speedi, Road Watch, Drive SAFE and two Vehicle Activated Traffic Calming Signs. Other community programs include D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) and Motive8, two programs that teach students about positive decision-making and drug abuse prevention.



**GARY
CARR**

Halton Region has the lowest police officer to resident ratios amongst the big 12 police services, with 124 police officers per 100,000 residents. Even with this impressive ratio, Halton tops the list as the safest regional municipality.

Halton's reputation as a safe community is one of the reasons that so many people and businesses choose to call Halton home. This achievement is the result of our residents, businesses and local municipalities, working together with the great police officers and staff of the Halton Regional Police Service, to ensure Halton Region remains a safe place to live,

work, raise a family and retire.

To learn more about community safety visit www.haltonpolice.ca or www.halton.ca/drivesafe.

If you have any Regional concerns or comments you would like to share, please feel free to email me at gary.carr@halton.ca. You can also find me on Twitter @garycarrhalton, LinkedIn or Facebook.

*—Gary Carr is the chair
of Halton Region*

Letter: Teen hospital volunteers still there

Dear editor,

Re: Bring back candy strippers
(August 1 letter).

As a teenager who currently volunteers at Georgetown Hospital, I can tell you that instead of the striped smocks of the past, we wear green vests. We help with meal trays, in the gift shop and at the information desk.

I have had many patients tell me how happy they are to get help from so many smiling faces. I'm finding my volunteer experience

at Georgetown Hospital to be a rewarding one.

Similar programs are in place in many hospitals and students are given credit for high school volunteer hours.

I encourage anyone who's interested to contact Janice Cowen, the Volunteer Co-ordinator at 905-873-0111 ext. 8153 for more information.

*Lauren Smith,
Georgetown*

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