

Get ready for Homecoming 2013

By **TED BROWN**
Staff Writer

While most people aren't thinking much about the coming summer this time of the year, a dedicated group of about 20 volunteers are working on a project scheduled for the end of July.

The Homecoming 2013 committee, headed by chair Anita Bergsma, is working on bringing another reunion to Georgetown next summer.

"It will be held the weekend of July 26 to 28, 2013," said Bergsma. "We are holding it at Georgetown Memorial Arena as a celebration and farewell for the old arena."

Bergsma, a lifelong resident of Georgetown, said she decided to take on the job of chairing the committee as a means of giving back to the community a bit.

"I've grown up in town, and raised a family here," said Bergsma, "Besides, I'm always up for a good challenge."

"With this Homecoming, we're going to be supporting two Town projects, Halton Hills Public Library and Mold-Masters SportSplex," explained Bergsma. "Like previous Homecomings, we're holding the registration and a wine and cheese party at Memorial on Friday from 6-8 p.m. followed up with a celebration of the Memorial Arena as a special event from 8-10 p.m."

Saturday morning, Homecoming will be a part of the Downtown Farmers Market giving people an opportunity to buy local merchandise, visit the downtown shops, and revisit places from the past.

Saturday afternoon, there will be a picnic at Dominion Gardens, where everyone brings their own lunch, and enjoy some social time.

Like the 2007 Homecoming, there will be the option to walk the Bruce Trail, or visit the Norval parks— McNab Park and

Willow Park Ecology Centre— as well as take in other local points of interest.

"During the course of the weekend, the committee would like to offer the opportunity for local elementary, middle and high schools, clubs and organizations to host their own reunions," said Bergsma. "We're happy to add their reunion activities to our calendar and promote their event in conjunction with Homecoming."

"Saturday night will be the big dance at Memorial Arena— but there will be limited tickets, so you must buy them early," said Bergsma. "The dance will be featuring local talent."

Sunday will be a farewell wrap-up, bringing the 2013 Homecoming to a close.

"I still need to confirm details, but we're hoping to close the Homecoming event at Halton Hills Public Library," said Bergsma. "We'd like to be able to give a tour of the facility to show how our donation was used from the

2007 event. After that, we will be wrapping up the weekend with closing ceremonies early Sunday afternoon."

Events like the Homecoming 2013 don't just happen— they require a lot of help and resources. The committee is looking for sponsors to help defray the costs of the event. In addition, Bergsma said they need lots of volunteers— high school students, people to chair sub-committees, even volunteers to help set-up and tear down after the event.

"We have a Facebook page set up at www.facebook.com/GeorgetownHomecoming so people can keep up with what we're doing," said Bergsma, "The committee regularly meets at Halton Police station in Georgetown— meeting dates are posted on Facebook. Everyone is welcome to join in and help."

Volunteers can also contact Bergsma at anita.n.bergsma@gmail.com.



ANITA BERGSMA
HOMECOMING CHAIR

Georgetown Seniors Centre: Pay or don't play

By **FLORENCE RIEHL**
Georgetown Seniors Centre

Life has resumed at our Centre. Active Living Programs are underway and most of us are trying to shed those accumulated pounds. We have bid farewell to the Snowbirds but those still around are a hearty bunch and can brave the winter.

Our new *HillsView* will be available the week of January 28 and contains a roster of events to keep you busy. If you plan to take part in any of the drop-in programs you MUST have your membership paid for 2013. The majority of you have complied but we still have a few stragglers. You will find your swipe cards deactivated.

This may be an early reminder but our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 4 at 1 p.m. This is your meeting, your opportunity to take part

in the operation of your Centre. Two new Board members are needed. Please consider running for one of these positions.

Last year we introduced proxy votes. If you are not going to be available to vote in person, pick up a proxy ballot at the Office and give it to a friend to vote on your behalf. Any member may carry a maximum of two proxy votes.

Sandwich Tuesdays have resumed but the Wednesday hot lunches have been discontinued. Pizza is still on tap for Movie Fridays.

The sheet for the Day Trippers trip to hear the Canadian Tenors on April 4 is well over half full. The final signup date is Feb. 22. You will want to join us on a trip to Cambridge's new theatre to see *Mary Poppins*. Don't wait too long to sign up.

Hope to see you around the Centre soon.

Come Celebrate!

The Official Grand Opening of the Halton Hills Library & Cultural Centre

Saturday, January 26, 2013

9:30 am - 5:00 pm

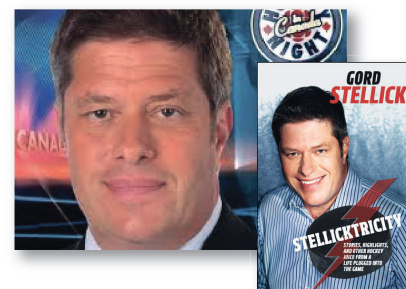
9 Church Street, Halton Hills, ON

A fun-filled day for the whole family

Special Highlights include:

Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 11:00 am

Author Visit by
CBC Hockey Night in
Canada commentator,
Gord Stellick



Meet and Greet Event
with Paws to Read
Therapy Dogs

Special Performances by:

- Gaudeamus Children's Choir
- Children's Entertainer, Cousin Molly
- Rhiannon and Henry Carter
- Georgetown Children's Chorus

- Real-time mural artist, Rasa Morrison
- Scavenger Hunts
- Teddy Bear Sleepover
- Make and Take Crafts
- Prizes including a KOBO eReader and iTunes gift cards.

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