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Letters



Last month, the Halton Regional Police Service and Town of Milton launched Project Safe Crossing, an education and enforcement campaign aimed at improving safety at pedestrian crossings in Milton.

The project, which wrapped up February 28, resulted in 65 charges. Of those, 16 motorists were charged with failing to yield to a pedestrian, who was using a crosswalk.

The story, which you can read on page 10, garnered the following comments on the *Champion's* Facebook page:

Nancy Cameron Sims: I hope it will slow some drivers down... too fast for these side streets.

Marlene Cameron Darche: I agree that drivers are too fast in this town but maybe some pedestrians should be charged as well for not pushing the flashing light buttons or just walking out without a care in the world, texting on phones or wearing ear plugs.

Join the online conversation at www.facebook.com/MiltonCanadianChampion

What a mess!

Dear Editor,

I live off of Trudeau Drive in Milton and my neighbours' recycling waste has been blowing out of their blue bins and settling in my yard.

Upon speaking with other families, this seems to be an ongoing problem affecting many Milton residents on windy days.

Several individuals across town end up having to be responsible for cleaning up the waste of many others that lands along their fences, yards, porches, driveways and streets.

For those of us forced to either clean it up or have our yard look like a trash heap, it's exhausting. And seeing many neighbours not taking any responsibility or contributing to helping clean up the mess is frustrating.

There are times when wind gusts



Recyclable materials settle on Lauren Fluder's Milton lawn after strong winds tipped her neighbours' blue bins last week. *Supplied photo*

may be exceptionally strong that bins with lids wouldn't prevent a mess. But this appears to be a re-occurring issue in our town — no matter how the wind blows.

I don't want our town to look like a junkyard of soggy cardboard and blowing trash, but it isn't fair for me — and others — to have to clean up after our neighbours.

Though the Region of Halton understands the concern, which it

has heard time and again, Region staff can only send out windy day notices, which don't appear to be working.

Other municipalities, including Mississauga, found money in their budgets to prevent this disaster by investing in bins with lids.

Switching to larger bins with lids would increase recycling capacity, decrease the amount of garbage and recycling that ends up

in our parks, green spaces, roads and communities, and maybe even save money from having to frequently replace bins that have blown away.

At the very least, the Region should allow the use of recycling bags and encourage their use on windy days. Looking out at all the recycling litter piled along the streets, it's clear this issue needs to be addressed.

I implore fellow Miltonians to be more careful with their blue bin waste, and urge folks to please tie boxes together with twine so they are less likely to blow away, put your green bin on top of your blue ones to weigh them down, or consider waiting a week if it's really windy and have pity on your neighbours cleaning up your blown-away waste, help them keep our community clean!

For those of us with the unfortunate responsibility of cleaning this mess: take pictures, demand change, bring this issue to the attention of the public and Region so change can happen.

Lauren Fluder, Milton

Region needs to rethink how we put recycling to the curb

Dear Editor,

It is time for the Region to consider improvements to the recycling program. The current blue boxes may work on perfectly calm days, but on days when we experience severe wind gusts, they do not.

I am dismayed by the amount of garbage I see in around town. As

well, I am at my wits end on the amount of garbage that I and others have to pick up on a weekly basis. Last Wednesday (March 8) was over the top. I filled one garbage bag, and there is more recycling material scattered about.

I lament the garbage that is flying into our beautiful escarpment and waterways, ditches, etc.

If recycling could be bagged, at the very least, recycling material would be contained. Something that is sturdy enough to keep a bag in place by the curb would be better. Others may have better ideas.

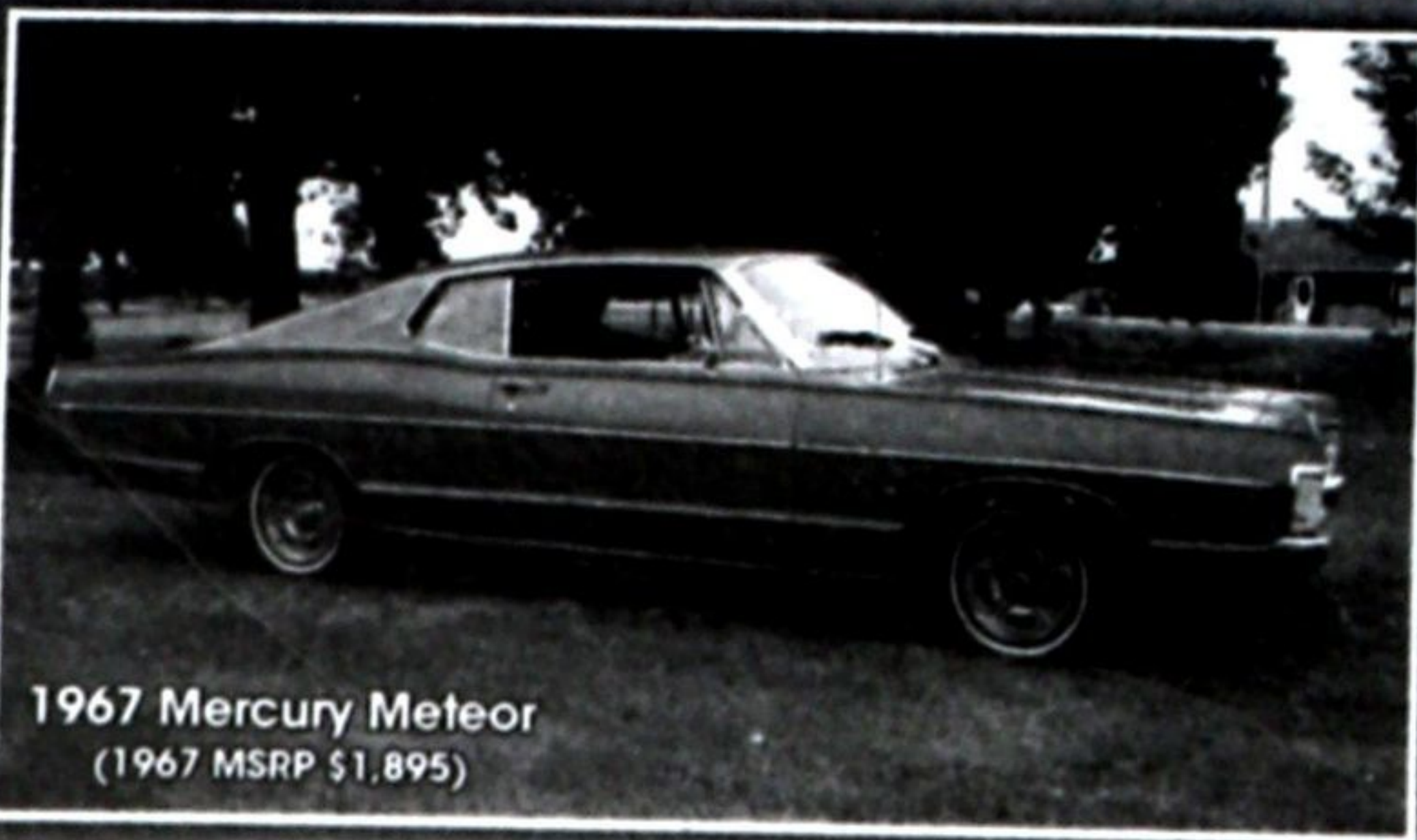
I note that Halton Region continues to educate residents on how to recycle properly, especially on windy days. My observation over

the 26 years I have lived here tells me it's not working.

It's time to evolve the recycling program. Perhaps the Region could challenge local students studying industrial design or engineering to come up with new designs for its recycling bins.

Emily Azubalis, Milton

You're invited to our 50th Anniversary Party & Community Booster Night



1967 Mercury Meteor
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Thursday April 6th
Old Ford Car Show 5:30pm
Car show weather permitting

Dinner 6:00pm
Catering from Troy's Dinner

Special Presentations 7:00pm

Milton Mayor Gordon Krantz, Ford Regional
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