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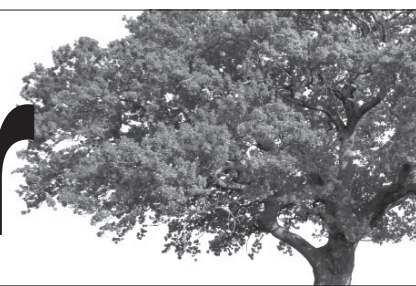
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Firefighters battle 4 blazes in 24 hours in west end

by David Lea
Oakville Beaver Staff

Three house fires and an oven fire — all within 24 hours in Oakville's west end — kept local firefighters busy on the weekend.

"They (the fires) got progressively worse as the weekend went on," said Oakville Fire Department Deputy Chief Andy Glynn.

Fire officials say no one was seriously injured in the trio of house fires, but they caused more than \$500,000 worth of damage.

The first happened around 9 a.m. Saturday when firefighters were called to a basement fire at a home under renovation on Hudson Place.

Glynn said the blaze was minor and easily extinguished. A man, who was in the home at the time, was taken to Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH) with minor injuries.

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Oakville firefighters arrived on the scene of a fully-involved garage fire that quickly spread to the attached single-storey home on Lakeshore Road West Saturday night. The blaze broke out just before 11 p.m., sending one occupant to hospital with minor injuries. It gutted the garage and the house sustained severe smoke and some fire damage. Fire crews had the blaze under control in less than an hour. | photo by Graham Paine - Oakville Beaver (Follow on Twitter @halton_photog or facebook.com/HaltonPhotog)

People implore Town to save Merton lands

Students join the debate

by Julia Le
Oakville Beaver Staff

They may be young, but their words resonated with the crowd that packed Oakville council chambers Monday night to discuss the potential impact development could have on the area surrounding Fourteen Mile Creek.

Taking the words of cultural anthropologist and author Margaret Mead to heart, a dozen West Oak Public School Grade 7 students showed up in matching purple T-shirts to voice concerns about the Merton lands — a 578-acre area of green space on the north side of the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW) and south of Upper Middle Road, between Bronte Road and Third Line.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has," said one student, quoting Mead during Town of Oakville's Planning and Development Council meeting.

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Ryan Schoonderwoerd,
West Oak Public School student quoting author Margaret Mead

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