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Toy library easy on the pocketbook

BY JAMIE HARRISON
The Georgetown Gemini

Any parent can tell you the cost of children's toys are outrageous, with money spent on fads that will fall by the wayside faster than Cup dreams at Maple Leaf Gardens.

To combat this, some enterprising parents decided to re-launch a concept that has been growing in Georgetown. The Halton Hills Toy Library has been a force in Georgetown for 15 years, though it has been hampered by a series of moves, and by the fact that many are not even aware of its existence.

The Toy Library works the same as a book library, with toys checked out for a two-week period, allowing parents to see if the toy is well made, and whether it will be well loved by the child using it.

Every parent knows the frustration of plunking down good money for a toy only to see it left unused after the novelty has worn off.



ROLLING ALONG: Thomas Keating, 16-months-old, rolls along at the Halton Hills Toy Library's Grand Opening Thursday. The library, open Tuesdays and Thursdays, offers toys for a two week loan to parents for their children. (Jamie Harrison photo)

After a decade-and-a-half in a variety of locations, the Toy Library has found a home

in the basement on the old United Church on Main Street.

A six member executive chose the site after scouring a number of venues throughout Georgetown after being bounced from the old Howard Wigglesworth School (Sacre Coeur North Campus), even enlisting the help of Mayor

Marilyn Serjeantson and various service clubs.

All of the toys at the library were bought through the membership, and divided into a variety of categories suitable for infants to six years of age.

For further information or for membership call Kim Smith at 843-3369.

Speed and volume concerns on Mountainview Road

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

The Georgetown Gemini
"It's pretty scary."

That's how Mountainview Road resident Marilyn Pilgrim describes the traffic outside her door and she is convinced it will get worse with the opening of the four-lane bridge on Mountainview to Georgetown South if some traffic calming measures are not implemented.

Pilgrim and other members of the recently formed Mountainview Road Public Liaison committee (PLC) are currently trying to come up with solutions to the traffic problems.

They met on the street last week and walked from St. Andrews Church down to the bridge to get a feel for the traffic volume and speed.

"There are 88 homes along this area with 83 private driveways onto Mountainview. For me, where my driveway is, I feel that it's unsafe because there is a portion, looking across the bridge, that I can't see," Pilgrim explained

on Friday.

"We have noise, we have air pollution, but the speed is a major problem and it all affects the quality of life.

"I hope we can come up with some traffic calming measures that will help," Pilgrim said, stressing that although she is a member of the PLC, she was speaking for herself.

A regional traffic speed study done before bridge construction began found the average speed on Mountainview just north of Eden Place was 63 km an hour with just 1.6 per cent of traffic moving at the posted speed of 50 km an hour and 85 per cent of traffic travelling at 69 km an hour.

"I think those figures are low - the police stopped one motorists at 103 km an hour - that's pretty scary," Pilgrim said.

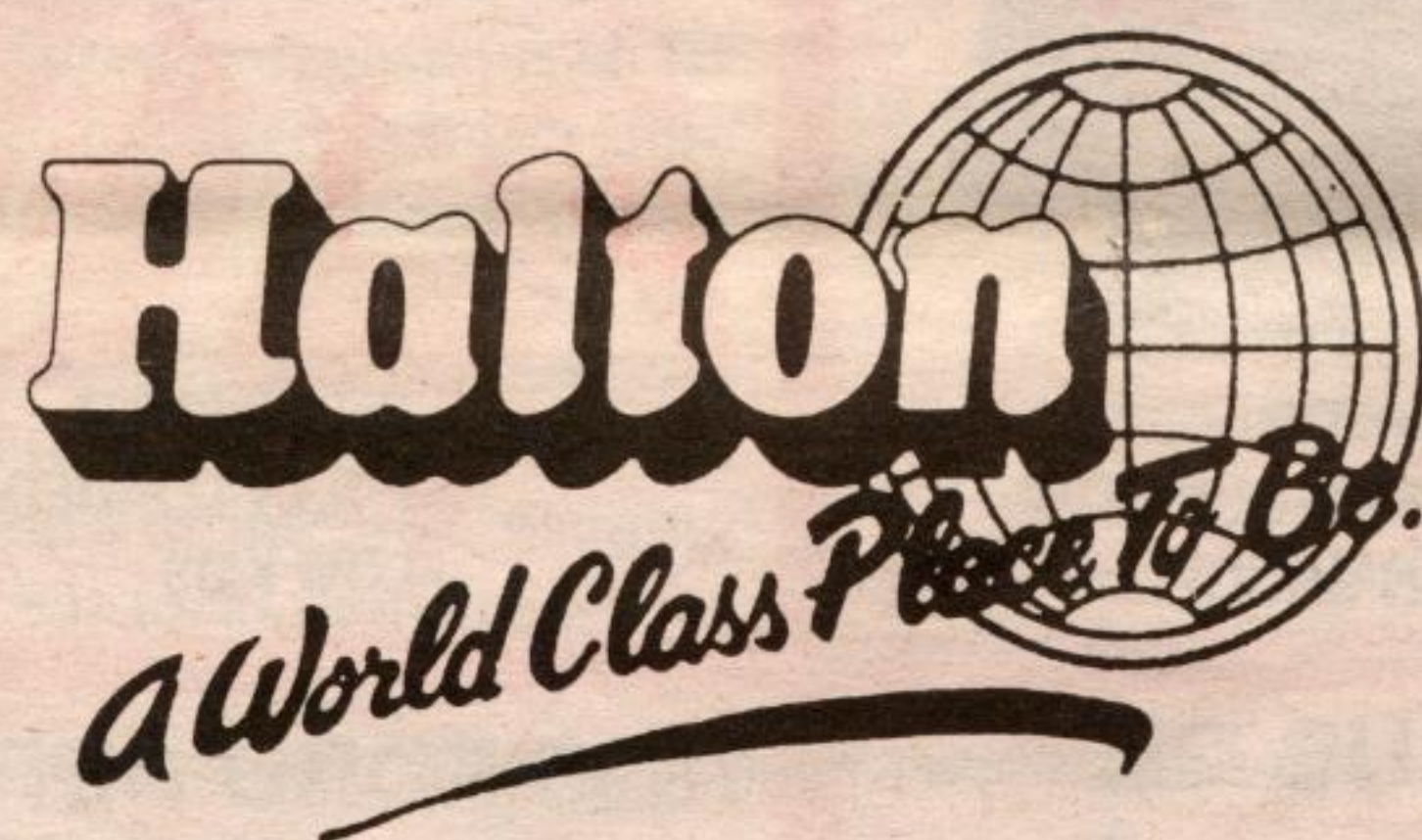
Pilgrim said that they hope to have suggestions for traffic calming in place before the bridge opens before Christmas.

Purse stolen from hospital worker

A Georgetown District Memorial Hospital employee had her purse stolen sometime between 10 am and

noon, Sept. 25.

Police report the purse contained identification and credit cards.



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON PLANNING & PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE - SUNDAY WORK

MOUNTAINVIEW ROAD SOUTH (REGIONAL ROAD NO.13) TOWN OF HALTON HILLS (GEORGETOWN)

The reconstruction of Mountainview Road South is well under way to completion. However, due to the recent wet weather conditions and in order to keep this project on schedule, our contractor, Mardave Construction (1990) Ltd., has asked that they be allowed to work on Sundays, commencing October 6, 1996 and continuing for the next four weekends (weather permitting). This request has been reviewed and approved by both the Regional Municipality of Halton and the Town of Halton Hills.

We have been assured by Mardave Construction that they will make every effort to minimise inconvenience to our citizens. For further information, please contact Leonard Verwey, CET, Construction Supervisor, extension 7616 at one of the following numbers:

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