

# Reader supports dog kennels in Limehouse

To the editor of The Herald:  
Re: Limehouse Residents Protest Kennel Noise.  
Although I am not a resident of Limehouse, I have been a number of years, and I feel I have the right to be heard.  
Prejudice, regardless of type or form, is the saddest part of the human make-up.

And even more sadly, one that is too frequently displayed. Prejudice is based totally in ignorance. A large part of this protest regarding the McLeod family is ignorance.  
Since moving to Limehouse, the McLeods have been faced with problems. Having to move their dogs to the new residence before they were

ready to bring them was only the beginning.  
An abandoned, half-starved stray complicated things. The dog was a continual nuisance, running free amongst the McLeods dogs, regardless of their attempts to trap and control the animal. The police and the canine control became frequent visitors.  
Called by both the neighbors, and by the McLeods, the McLeods have done all humanly possible to end the disruptions, including taking shifts to sit up through the entire night - night after night - to help resolve the problem. The family cares very much about the problems and discontent their dogs have made, and believe me, are trying very hard to eliminate it.

It is naturally, understandable that the people around them have been bothered by the dogs. Furthermore, it is understandable that they are concerned about its future continuance even though the stray problem has been eliminated. On this account I can sympathize. But as a kennel owner and operator of the same breed of dogs (Siberian Huskys), I feel I am qualified to say that given a chance to settle in, these people will find those dogs incredibly quiet. Already, since the stray problem has been eliminated these people

admit the dogs are much less a nuisance. But, as is natural, since so much commotion has been made at the McLeods house between stray dogs, numerous visits by the police, building inspectors, canine control and soon the dogs are restless.

What this is basically trying to say is that instead of taking time to find out the McLeod's problem, their place or the McLeods themselves, these people went ahead and banded together to complain. As I have said, much of this complaining was in ignorance. Had these people instead banded together to eliminate the stray problem, this letter and the rest would, in all probability, have been unnecessary.

The people who started the petition, and all those that signed it, excluding one family, have never spoken to the McLeods. They sent the police, but never came themselves to try to understand the McLeod's position. If they had, they would have found people who are willing to go out of the way to help friends and neighbors, hardworking. The place they now own was an eyesore, having been abandoned for quite some time and now after the short time they have been there, the place is beginning to take shape and look like an attractive home. Instead, these people were not only

unneighbourly enough not to try to meet the McLeods, but to try to see the McLeod's problems, but also to complain with only their own narrow point of view.  
As I have said before, I am a kennel owner, along with my husband, a resident of the area his entire life, and my mother and father. Our kennel is no different from the McLeods, given those dogs a chance to settle in, and we are a licensed kennel within the town of Acton! Yet our neighbours do not complain, possibly with the understanding that all dogs bark at times, but I feel the basic reason is because the breed itself is quiet, and our dogs are also basically quiet.

The McLeods have been condemned and hassled to the point of fatigue and depression, yet no one, save one neighbour, is willing to lend a hand until the situation is settled. Or at the very least, to give them a chance. As I have said, I can sympathize with the area people concerning noise. Believe me, it annoys no one so much as the kennel owner. We

I would like to add that I asked my neighbours to sign a paper, not condoning the letter, that is my personal view, but merely to state that they do not find the kennel and the dogs difficult to live near, or a continual nuisance. I am glad that I do not know most of the people who signed, therefore I was not soliciting the names of "friends." Every person I asked signed the paper, and all said that they did not find the dogs a problem. The paper itself is to be presented at council.  
Thank you.  
M.C. Bailey.

## Story picked up pick-your-own

To the editor of The Herald:  
We wish to thank you for mentioning our Pick-Your-Own farming operation in George Evaschuk's article that appeared on page 11 in the July 27 issue of your paper. Mr. Evaschuk's reporting was both realistic and accurate.  
Since this article was published, we have had many new patrons from the Georgetown

area who previously never knew we existed and who specifically mentioned reading about us in The Herald. As a result, our weekday business is much improved since driving distance from nearby towns makes evening harvesting both convenient and practical.  
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## Survey planned

Halton region's planning department will be conducting a survey of the week of August 14 to learn more of the transportation needs in the region.  
A 13 point questionnaire will be mailed to 910 selected homes in Georgetown and 345 in Acton. In all the planning department will be mailing about 10,000 questionnaires.  
The purpose of the questionnaire is to provide input into Halton region's ongoing transportation study and focus on transportation planning of a more local, more detailed nature.

One of the major requirements for this type of planning, the department believes, is a greater understanding of the travel habits and attitudes of people in Halton today.  
The survey is the first of its kind in detail carried out in the region since 1964. An analysis of the results and a final report will be completed in the fall, in time to inform the public during presentation of Halton's draft Official Plan.

Should any citizen or group with copies of the questionnaire, they are encouraged to contact the region's planning department at 878-5571, local 258.

## False alarm

Employees of Mould Masters, 233 Armstrong Avenue in Georgetown, reacted quickly during a storm, Friday at about 6 a.m. A shift worker called the fire department because employees thought the building had been struck by lightning and the roof was on fire. Deputy fire chief Bob Hyde said Monday, "There was no fire." Mr. Hyde said, "and no evidence that lightning had struck the roof."  
The only other call firefighters had was on Friday at 3 a.m. when they extinguished a large stump burning on Mr. Ed Walsh's property, fourth line south of Acton.

To the editor of The Herald:  
In response to Mr. S. Brunt's letter of July 27 and to Mr. W. Magnuson's letter of August 3, we shall attempt to rectify several of their misconceptions.

To begin with, it serves every purpose to delve into "past failures and frustrations." It seems to all who read Miss Marjorie Nazer's letter of August 3, which appeared in the Independent, hopefully these two young gentlemen included, that the addition and renovation was definitely proceeding.

What then was the reasoning behind the decision to cease the proceedings when the \$400,000 debenture was already issued and there was no civil uprising from the taxpayers? Answers to such questions should be clarified and readily available to the general public. The air should be cleared once and for all; one must look at the past before advancing with the future.

The authors of these letters in question have obviously not considered the financial aspects of such an expenditure as a new library. Although we are not taxpayers, we are well aware of the new financial burden put upon the taxpaying public. With the new Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena, the imminent new Acton Firehall and the added cost of regional government, the majority of people do not want an increase in taxes that a \$750,000 library (which includes only the building itself - no interior furniture, stacks or parking facilities) would entail. What the taxpayer does not realize is that the Town has borrowed money to pay for such projects as the Acton Firehall when they already have \$350,000 in the bank, collected from lot levies.

This is a time of financial restraint in Ontario. To help Ontario reach a balanced budget requires, as The Honourable W. Darcy McKough so aptly puts it, "self-discipline and day-to-day resistance against the temptation to spend and to borrow." Everyone must join forces to work towards a financially sound province. The difference in square footage between the addition and renovation plans and the new library plans was small

# Clear the air once and for all

truth! They voted for continuing the plans for the new library, forcing the citizen's group to appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board for a review. The mayor and council were adamant in their stand on the library issue. We fail to understand how anyone could interpret their actions as "waffling" or as being actions carried out under intimidation.

Let us conclude this letter by commenting on Mr. Brunt's remarks concerning Mayor Hill's statement, "I figure a librarian is just a librarian." Mr. Hill is perfectly correct in his observation and deserves no criticism. Mrs. Betsy Cornwell is just another paid public servant of the taxpayers.

When some authors of letters try to present the image of being more learned than they actually are, they often appear to be simpletons. We would suggest that Mr. Brunt and Mr. Magnuson stop worrying about getting priorities right and start worrying about getting information right.  
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Susan Breckenridge

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# HALTON HILLS RECREATION and PARKS NEWS & VIEWS

Many of the summer programs offered by the Halton Hills Recreation Department are drawing to a close in this month of August.

In order to climax the programs, a Summer Activities Finale has been established in Acton on Thursday August 11 beginning at 7 p.m. The finale consists of a parade down Main St. at 7 p.m. and to the park where a festival of events are scheduled at 8 p.m. for the Penny Carnival being held in the arena.

Playgrounds, daycamp, the pool staff, the Teen program and the Leaders-in-Training are very busy at work preparing their decorations and costumes for the parade. Acton Citizens Band will lead the parade followed by floats with themes such as King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table, Hollywood, The Wizard of Oz and more.

The Penny Carnival has events for all ages and skills. Try your luck at the birthday game, dart throw, ring toss, fish pond and popcorn knockdown.

Now is the chance to hit your favorite leaders in the face with a wet sponge or to try your luck at the dunking machine.

For those not interested in any of the booths mentioned so far maybe you would like our white elephant sale or the food booth.

Gather your pennies and bring your moms, dads, brothers, sisters and friends to the Summer Activities Finale on Thursday August 11. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there.

**GEORGETOWN**  
As playgrounds are drawing to a close preparations are being made for the annual playground "FINALE". The finale in recent years has always been a penny carnival, however, this year left to the ingenuity of the leaders and kids, it was decided that they would present their own Circus.

Each playground site will be responsible for preparing an act of death defying skill and talent and there remains no doubt that this shall be a hair raising event with the presence of Acrobats, Strong Men, Seals and Monkeys, Lion Tamers, Jugglers and possibly even an high diver risking limb and life. This shall all occur between the hours of 6 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. at the Georgetown Memorial Arena.

Following such a spectacular show a craft display showing the children's work will be shown out back of the Arena as well as a Sponge Throw so that all the kids have a chance to soak their favorite leader with a wet sponge. To finish off the night a "FAMILY SWIM" is being offered at the Outdoor Pool (free of charge) from 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome and the anticipation of seeing a good show can be counted on. Hope to see you there!!!

## OMB rules on farms, industry

The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) has delivered rulings affecting farming operations throughout Halton Hills and giving the green light to the enlargement of an industry on Trafalgar Road.

An amendment to the planning act calls for a 1,000 foot set back from any residential boundary when constructing new buildings in intensive agricultural operations.

Since this distance was suggested by the Agricultural Code of Practices, the OMB decided to accept the amendment even though Peter Branch of Norval objected to it on the grounds that the distances suggested are excessive in some cases.

The OMB decision to allow Halton Hills to zone part of Donald Humberstone's property near Trafalgar Road and

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