Downtown Georgetown's annual salute to summer

Georgetown's central business district has some fun with our pioneer past tomorrow through Saturday

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Sometime during the night of June 10 or in the early morning hours the following day, town public works staffers will close off Main Street and part of Church Street to traffic. For downtown Georgetown merchants, local artists and fun-loving residents, it will be the full before a raucous storm of activity as the community celebrates Summerfest and Pioneer Days.

The two events-Summerfest sponsored by the Halton Hills Arts Council and Ploneer Days, a collective downtown merchants' "smile" at summer-have been celebrated together for the last three years. The combination works well for each group and residents get to enjoy a wealth of activities in the downtown core, as well as some great bargains on arts and crafts and three days of sales and entertainment.

ALL TASTES There's fun tor U whole family. People can browse leisurely around downtown Main Street. pausing to marvel at the 19th Century costumes the merchants will be wearing, tapping feet at some of the live entertainment, nibbling on a culinary delight whipped up from a sidewalk barbecue and generally settle into the electric atmosphere which surrounds this annual celebration.

Summerfest organizers will be returning with an "Olde Tyme Music Hall" June 19. This vaudevillian production features some



and for the price of a single \$10 ticket, one can enjoy a fine dinner-theatre show. Things get underway at 7 p.m. in Sucre Coeur Church Hall. For ticket information, call 877-4607, 877-5320 or 877-0357.

Funds raised from the music hall will be put toward the purchase of a piano for the library-cultural centre.

Main Street events open June 17. With the street shut off from traffic, merchants will move their wares to the sidewalk at 10 a.m. The perennially popular steam engines and antique cars will begin to arrive, hissing and pulfing and drawing a large crowd of curious youngsters with them.

At the McGibbon Hotel up the street, a barbecue lunch will get underway at noon. Organist Paul Barber is returning this year to provide a lively lunchtime musical backdrop. The MGibbon sidewalk "bistro" seems to

serve an endless flow of people. If browsing among the neighboring sales takes up the rest of the afternoon, stay around for the outdoor supper at 6 p.m.

The entire evening is filled with music for all tastes. A country music band will get the night-time festivities underway at 7:30 and the George-town Girls's Pipe Band will also march down Main Street, adding its accustomed Scottish Continued on page PD3



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