

Police Beat

Gas pedal sticks

Police say a malfunctioning gas pedal caused severe damage to a four-week-old car driven by a Georgetown man Friday night. The man was driving his 1989 Chevrolet to the car dealership when the gas pedal apparently stuck and the car reversed, striking a hydro pole on a local crescent. Police say there were no injuries and they will not lay charges in the single-car collision.

Severe damage

A 1987 Ford was severely damaged after it struck a van parked near Edith Street in Georgetown Saturday morning. Police say the Ford was southbound when it went out of control and struck a parked 1988 GMC van, causing light damage to the vehicle. No charges were laid and police report no injuries.

2-car collision

A two-car collision at King Street and McNabb Street in Georgetown resulted in damage to the vehicles Thursday morning. Police say a 1977 Oldsmobile went out of control while westbound on the icy road and struck a 1985 Subaru parked at the roadside. The Oldsmobile, driven by a Georgetown man, 43, was lightly damaged. The 1985 Subaru, driven by a Georgetown woman, 43, was moderately damaged. There were no injuries and police are not laying charges.

No injuries

A Steeles Avenue collision caused extensive damage to a Ford Mustang Thursday night. Police say the 1981 Mustang was eastbound on Steeles Avenue near 10th Line when it struck an icy patch and slid into the path of a 1985 Pontiac. The Pontiac received light damage, while the Ford was severely damaged. Police report no injuries in the accident and no charges laid.

Fence struck

A single-vehicle collision at Steeles Avenue and 10th Line caused moderate damage to a Dodge pick-up Thursday morning. Police say the pick-up was eastbound on an icy road when it went out of control and struck a

fence. The driver, a Brampton man, 54, was uninjured. No charges have been laid.

Car hits sign

A 1980 Chevrolet was severely damaged when it struck a construction sign Thursday night. Police say the car, driven by a Georgetown man, 18, was southbound on Mountainview Road near Summit Lane when it went out of control and struck the sign. Police report no injuries and no charges were laid in the accident.

Youth charged

A 16-year-old Eden Mills youth has been charged with public mischief, after Halton Regional Police say a false report of a hit-and-run accident was given.

Police laid the charge Sunday after determining a damaged vehicle had not been involved in a hit-and-run accident, as was originally reported.

The youth is scheduled to appear in court Feb. 17.

Tarp missing

Police say a tarpaulin valued at \$250 was taken from a car parked on Highway 7 near Acton, sometime between Jan. 12 and Jan. 14.

The tarpaulin was being used to protect the vehicle, police say.

Speakers taken

Two stereo speakers were taken from a hatchback vehicle sometime Jan. 10 or Jan. 11, say police. The vehicle was locked and there was no sign of forced entry. Total value of the speakers, and damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$140.

Man injured

A Norval man, 19, was taken to Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital following a Jan. 14 collision. Police say a 1971 Dodge Dart driven by the Norval man landed in a ditch and drove into some shrubs around 8 p.m. An approaching car allegedly blinded the driver with its headlights. The car was severely damaged. Police say no charges were laid.

Vehicles collide

A Georgetown man, 18, was injured when his 1972 Volkswagen struck an oncoming vehicle around 7 a.m. Saturday morning. Police say the car was northbound on Maple Avenue near Guelph Street when a 1982 Chevrolet pick-up pulled out to make a left turn. The Volkswagen was severely damaged while the pick-up was moderately damaged. The Volkswagen driver was treated and released from Georgetown hospital. The Chevrolet driver, a Georgetown man, 23, is charged with driving while under suspension.

Halton Village mix-up

Homebuyers left wondering

More than 20 people who have purchased houses on the west side of Mountainview Road in Halton Hills Village may lose them because their lots cannot be serviced.

Bruce Hayward, a Georgetown resident who has recently sold his home and purchased a house from Fernbrook Homes on the west side of Mountainview Road, appeared before council Monday to ask for their help.

"They (Fernbrook Homes) were selling homes in areas which haven't been approved for homes," said Mr. Hayward.

Many of the people who have bought the homes live in Georgetown, he added.

What has happened, according to town deputy planner Bruce MacLean, is this:

Fernbrook Homes purchased 237 lots on the west side of Mountainview Road from the developer, Halton Hills Village Homes. Fernbrook began selling homes in the summer. In the late fall, Halton Hills Village Homes changed the phasing of the lots for the second time. Because of servicing limita-

tions, the firm is allowed a total of 510 homes. The re-phasing in the fall switched most of the homes to be serviced from the west side of the road to the east side.

Now, only 93 homes on the west side can be serviced. But Fernbrook has sold 114 homes on the west side.

The developers had submitted a plan to pre-service two parcels of land on the west side of the road totalling 137 lots. Now, the developers want a third parcel of land containing 100 lots, of which 60 have been sold (the other 54 were sold in the first two parcels) to be pre-serviced as well.

What that will do is make all 114 people who have purchased homes, eligible to have their homes serviced.

On Monday, the town agreed, and asked Halton Region to allow the pre-servicing of all 237 homes on the west side of the road - a course of action normally against Halton policy, according to Mayor Miller. (Halton normally allows pre-servicing only to homes eligible for services - in this case, only 93 homes).

Even if the Region agrees to pre-service all 237 homes, only 93 of the homes can be fully serviced and built, leaving 21 homeowners out in the cold. The rest of the homes can be serviced in a few years, after some major water projects are completed by the town.

Mayor Miller said the fault for the fiasco doesn't lie with the town. "The developer has known for many years he had 510 lots," the mayor said.

"I feel terrible about this but in no way is the town responsible for what's taken place," he said. "I feel we've been hung out and we'll look like the bad guy."

Mr. Hayward said the town should have checked into how many homes had been sold, and where, before it approved re-phasing in the fall.

It is up to the developer (Halton Hills Village Homes) and the builders (Fernbrook Homes) to keep their lines of communication open, said Mr. MacLean, Tuesday.

The town is not privy to private dealings between developers, builders and homeowners, Mayor Miller said.

Turner begins town hall talks

In keeping with his promise to stay in close touch with the people of the constituency, Halton-Peel Member of Parliament Garth Turner, is launching a series of ongoing "town hall meetings."

The first of these meetings is scheduled for tonight (Wednes-

day) in Bolton, while the second will be next Wednesday, Jan. 25 in Georgetown.

Mr. Turner's office says the meetings will be entirely open to the public and are on an informal basis. The general public will be given the opportunity to talk with Mr. Turner and ask him any questions they may have on issues they feel are important.

The local meeting will be held at the North Halton Golf and Country Club in the downstairs meeting room, beginning at 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday.

The following week, there will be another meeting held in Burlington.

Combining the arts

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Night Must Fall is a benefit performance by Georgetown Little Theatre to raise funds for the Credit Valley Artisans' Building Fund. The play will be held on Thursday, Feb. 16, at the John Elliott Theatre, 9 Church Street, Georgetown. Curtain time is at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$10. Contact Linda Parker at 853-0361 for further ticket information.

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