

## Santa's scouting out the town



Agnes Dobbie (right) of Georgetown tells Santa Claus what she wants for Christmas as Jean Cunningham, also of Georgetown, looks on. The ladies

were among four bus loads of seniors who enjoyed Wednesday night's Tour of Lights sponsored by the Georgetown Kinsmen Club. (Herald photo)



Santa Claus ho-ho'd his way through dozens of calls Wednesday night at the Halton Hills Civic Centre. Children in Kindergarten and Grade 1 got to hear from the jolly fellow with some help from the town's recreation and parks department and the Optimist Club of Georgetown. (Herald photo)

### To avoid high lead levels

## Day care operators asked to flush water taps daily

Day care operators in Halton Hills will be asked to flush their water taps each morning to avoid high levels of lead in drinking water.

Health commissioner Dr. Graham Pollett sent letters to the four municipalities in Halton, including Halton Hills, warning that lead solder on pipes can leak into tap water.

"Accordingly, I am requesting that, commencing immediately,

you adopt the practice of flushing the plumbing within your centre for five minutes every morning before the day's activities commence," Dr. Pollett writes.

"This practice will ensure that any lead above background levels (of 50 parts per billion parts of water) which might have leaked from soldered pipes, overnight or weekends will be flushed away."

Halton's schools were tested

earlier this year after a CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation) study found high lead levels in drinking water in Ontario schools. One school in South Halton tested for lead levels over 50 ppb in a sample.

Newer schools are more in danger of having high lead levels, a staff report earlier this year outlines. Most Halton Hills schools are housed in buildings constructed before 1980.

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