

POLICE BEAT



Numbers To Note EMERGENCY

Police, Fire or Ambulance Dial 911
 Fire (Information) 877-1133
 Police (Non-Emergency) .. 878-5511
 Hospital 877-0111
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Gun charges

Halton Regional Police investigators say one sawed-off shotgun and two other restricted weapons were seized from a rural Georgetown residence and charges will be laid against the home's owner, a 47-year-old businessman. Police were initially called to the home to aid officers from Revenue Canada who were executing a search warrant at the home relating to offences under the Income Tax Act. Once inside, police found four handguns and 10 rifles in a locked gun cabinet and when asked, the accused could not supply a registration certificate or a Firearms Acquisition Certificate (FAC) on two of the handguns. Police also found a sawed-off shotgun which was not deemed prohibited because its barrel length is longer than 457 mm but is restricted because it was altered to be fired with one hand. Police plan to charge the man with three counts of possession of an unregistered restricted weapon.

Business ransacked

Police report unknown vandals caused \$2,035 worth of damage to a Georgetown business sometime between last Thursday and Wednesday. Police say the

culprits entered the Maple Avenue residence which is being set up as a sales office, and began smashing windows in a number of rooms with a coat rack and beer bottles. They tossed a photocopier on the floor, damaging it and stole a fax machine and telephone. Police are continuing their investigation.

Car entered

A Halton Hills man who left a \$1,000 bill in a briefcase in an unlocked car returned to find it missing Tuesday. Police say the man parked his car in Halton Hills leaving the briefcase and \$1,000 bill, along with a sample book from his company and personal papers in the car. Police have no suspects.

Cigarette thefts

Police report two gas stations were robbed of cigarettes in the past two weeks. On June 14, unknown culprits broke into Penny's Gas Bar on Guelph St. in Georgetown by breaking a lock and stole 12 cartons of cigarettes worth \$528. Four days later, Kals' (Exel) Gas Bar on Hwy. 25 was broken into by unknown culprits who stole 320 large packs of cigarettes worth \$1,300. Police have no suspects but are continuing to investigate both break-ins.

Ham radio club hosts field day

From 2 p.m. Saturday, 5 p.m. Sunday, the Halton Amateur Radio Club will participate in field day 1991. The purpose of this exercise is to test preparedness for an emergency.

The Halton Amateur Radio Club will set up a complete amateur radio station at the Top o' Trafalgar farm on Trafalgar Road, just south of Highway 24. During the 27 hours of the event, the radio station will contact other amateur stations in the U.S.A. and around the world.

Amateur radio is often the first means of communication

available when a disaster occurs (e.g. the California earthquake, the tornado in Grand Valley) and field day permits amateurs to sharpen their operating skills in a simulated disaster situation.

The Halton Amateur Radio Club provides communications services for a variety of events in the Halton Hills area, including the Crazy Boat Race and the Georgetown Mayor's Bikeathon as well as providing communications for the Red Cross.

Visitors are most welcome and club members will be glad to demonstrate how amateur radio works.

Fire Calls

False alarms

Halton Hills Firefighters responded to three calls this week which all turned out to be false alarms or under control by the time firefighters arrived.

Monday, firefighters responded to an alarm activation at 62 Park Avenue which turned out to be a false alarm.

At 4:34 Wednesday afternoon, firefighters were called to a hay fire at Lot 30, Concession 4 in Acton which had started from a spark from the tractor exhaust. The fire was out when firefighters arrived.

Later that day, at 5:25, firefighters were called to a Greystone Cres. house in Georgetown where a transformer had caught fire in a fuse box. The fire was out when firefighters arrived and there was no damage.



Draw winner

Bob Creasy, owner of Knechtel's Food Market in Moore Park Plaza in Georgetown, presents Elaine Lewis with the print she won for entering a draw from Beatrice Foods and Knechtels. Only 20 of the

prints, done by artist Peter Etril Snyder, were available to be won in all 80 Knechtel stores across Ontario. (Herald photo)

Town housing needs discussed

By BENDUMMETT

The Herald

Although single family homes will continue to be the dominant type of housing in Halton Hills during the next 20 years, there will also be an increase in medium and high density housing during this time period.

That's the message 20 local residents who attended heard Wednesday during a public information meeting on the Town's future housing needs held at the Civic Centre.

The average income per household in Halton Hills is above the Ontario average income per household, but a significant number of the Town's population is classified as low income, said Susan MacPherson, the Town's housing consultant.

The existence of low income families means the Town, in accordance with the province's housing policy, must provide a variety of housing types, Ms. MacPherson said.

According to the province's housing policy, municipalities must provide housing in order that all residents have a place to live. Aside from single family homes other types of housing that should be considered for the Town include townhouses, semi-detached houses, apartments situated above commercial establishments and apartment buildings.

The end result will necessitate intensifications of the Georgetown and Acton urban areas, said Ms. MacPherson.

"There has been very little intensification in Halton Hills to date," she said.

Georgetown resident Ernest Ball said, "intensification strikes fear in the minds of many living in the community."

"People came to Georgetown to get away from intensification," he said.

He said a big reason housing isn't affordable is because of the high cost of land prices. Land prices are too high because of speculation and land flipping, according to Mr. Ball.

Ed Starr, Halton Region's housing consultant, who also attended Wednesday's meeting, countered Mr. Ball by saying his statements are based on a narrow way of thinking. Mr. Starr explained land costs are too high for affordable housing, when single family homes are the only accepted type of housing. However, the greater number of units located on a piece of property, the cheaper the land cost per unit of housing.

"You can't have it both ways" - affordable housing and no intensification, said Mr. Starr.

Both the consultants and those in attendance appeared to agree there is no point talking about building more housing in Halton Hills unless the Town's industrial base starts to grow.

However, the two groups disagreed which should come first, the housing or industry.

Most of those residents who attended the meeting seemed to agree new industry must be

established in Town before new types of housing are considered.

The consultants said the opposite. They argued businesses would locate in Halton Hills if they knew there was affordable housing so their employees could live in Town.

Local builder David McNally, agreed with the consultants. He said his company McNally Construction owns industrial lands in Town and one of the questions prospective buyers ask is what type of housing is located in the community?

One of the reasons more industry doesn't locate in Halton Hills, said Mr. McNally, is because the housing is too expensive for their employees.

Those who want to have input on the Town's housing strategy can pick up comment sheets at the Town Planning Department located in the Halton Hills Civic Centre.

The strategy itself will be presented to Town Council July 15 for consideration.

FCP meet

The Family Coalition Party Halton North Executive will be holding its annual meeting this Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. at Knolcrest Centre, 360 Guelph St., Unit 38B, Georgetown.

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CORRECTION NOTICE

The advertisement for PARK LINCOLN MERCURY entitled "SWELTERING SAVINGS" appearing in the Wednesday, June 19th issue of the Halton Hills Herald was incorrect.

The TOPAZ Extra Values Package Discount should have read \$1926. plus...

The AEROSTAR Extra Values Package Discount should have read \$927. plus...

The Herald apologizes for any inconvenience these errors may have caused.