

All turkey'd out again

Okay, we're turkey'd out.

After two turkey dinners— Christmas Day, and December 27— we've had our fill.

The Christmas Day turkey was a tiny '10 pounder', which only takes a few hours to cook. The Sidekick put it in the oven just before we started opening gifts Christmas morning. It was a small one as we only had five adults and two small kids feeding on that meager little carcass.

December 27, we hosted the Brown Christmas, giving us a day to prepare for dinner, and a 24-hour respite from turkey.

The Christmas Day leftovers went home with The Sidekick's kids, so there wasn't any left to pig out on, until the December 27 turkey. With 24 people coming, we needed a big turkey.

I mean BIG. Tipping the scales at 26 lbs., it looked to be the size of a small ostrich.

I know we've had bigger turkeys, but when you get into your 50s, a 26-pounder can be intimidating sitting in the kitchen sink. I suggested to The Sidekick we use my mother's old trick of putting the turkey in the oven the night before, at a reduced temperature, rather than rising at the crack of dawn. I backed up my suggestion using the 20-minute per pound cooking formula, to show that he needed eight hours-plus in the oven. Doing a math/time equation, for a 2 p.m. dinner, that bird had to be in the oven at 5:30 a.m.

Early in our relationship I learned the moment I could justify a reason to NOT

Ted Brown



get outta bed early, The Sidekick gets completely online.

We stuffed and shoved him in the oven at 11 p.m. and the next morning the house was filled with the smell of turkey. When the Brown family sat down to feast, it only took half the turkey to create a mountain of meat on my mom's old turkey platter.

Even after my hungriest nephews gave it their best shot, we still had loads left.

Geez, I even treated Hamish the collie to a feast of leftover turkey skin and scraps, but I didn't overdo feeding him too much turkey- the resulting flatulence can be a killer, 'specially if it strikes when he happens to be in the house.

We're now dealing with half a turkey to feed on for the next little while. But it seems we've had a reprieve, as two good things have resulted by having this big bird.

One, The Sidekick's vacuum food packer she received for Christmas is getting a workout.

And two, she's already bought a huge prime rib roast for New Year's Eve.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Halton Region 2011 Budget and Business Plan

The proposed 2011 Budget and Business Plan for Halton Region including the Regional property tax levy, water and wastewater rates and user fees and charges will be considered at the following meetings:

Tuesday, January 11 – 9:30 a.m.	Health & Social Services Committee
Wednesday, January 12 – 9:30 a.m.	Planning & Public Works Committee
Thursday, January 13 – 9:30 a.m.	Administration & Finance Committee
Monday, January 24 – 9:30 a.m.	Budget Review Committee
Wednesday, January 26 – 9:30 a.m.	Regional Council

All of the above meetings will be held at the Halton Regional Centre located at 1151 Bronte Road in Oakville.

Copies of the 2011 Budget and Business Plan binders will be available for viewing on Halton's website at www.halton.ca and can be obtained free of charge from or viewed at the Office of the Regional Clerk at the Halton Regional Centre between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Halton residents are invited to provide input on the proposed 2011 Budget and Business Plan. If you wish to register as a delegate for the purpose of addressing one of the Committees, please contact the Office of the Regional Clerk and Council Services at 905-825-6000 ext. 7254. You may also provide input or comments on Halton's website at www.halton.ca/budget.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you will have an accessibility or accommodation need at a Halton Region hosted event or meeting.

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- weekday eastbound trips serving Main & James in Georgetown, the Georgetown GO Station, Georgetown Market, Norval, Mount Pleasant GO Station, Hwy. 10 & Bovaird in Brampton, and the Brampton Bus Terminal
- weekend and holiday trips between the University of Guelph and Brampton

*On Saturday, January 1, 2011, our service will operate on a holiday schedule.

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