

4-3 will destroy 'our community vision'

I would like to thank the many citizens who have dropped by my office, the Gellert Centre, Red Lemon, Pat's Prime Meats, Farmers Markets and other locations to sign post cards opposing the 4-3 freeway. Post cards are still available at the Civic Centre and the Gellert Centre.

Many of you are concerned about 4-3 as this is opposite to our community vision. In Halton Hills we do not want to grow as quickly as other communities in the GTA. We like our woodlots, heritage features, and our farmland. Alternate 4-3 will bisect Halton Hills. It will impact three kilometers of woodlands and there will be a significant impact on our watercourses. Our consultants suggest the 401 can be widened. This is what the GTA West team should be considering first before carving up Halton Hills.

There are a few who think this highway is a good idea and they are entitled to their opinion. I still think that there are zero benefits to Halton Hills unless you want more cars, trucks and a rush for more residential development. It is my opinion and that of Council that no landowner should have to be subject to a 3-6 year study. That is far too long.

We now have some momentum as Halton Regional Council and Milton Council are now on the record to oppose 4-3. If you would like to put up a lawn sign opposing 4-3, please drop by my office at the Civic Centre.

Congratulations to Emily Boycott who participated on Team Canada at the World Special Olympics Summer Games in Athens, 2011. She won five

Wednesday, August 10

La Leche League picnic: Breast-feeding moms and pregnant moms are invited to a picnic at Prospect Park in Acton, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., near the splash pad. Bring a lunch if you wish. Talk to a volunteer from local La Leche League Canada groups and meet other breastfeeding moms. LLL Canada encourages, promotes and provides mother-to-mother breastfeeding support and educational opportunities as an important contribution to the health of children, families and society. Rain date Wed. Aug. 17. Info: llcmilton2@gmail.com or 905-876-3322.

Silver-Wood Women's Institute meets: at Limehouse Memorial Hall at 7 p.m. Info: Hazel Armstrong, 905-877-1325.

Friends of The Old Seed House Garden: invite green thumbs of Halton Hills to unite and join in with volunteers to help maintain the garden Tuesday and/or Wednesday mornings, 9-11 a.m. Any persons interested can simply show up at the Garden or contact Barb Baron, rjbaron@sympatico.ca or Sue Balogh, sbalogh@cogeco.ca.

Family Storytime: is a free 30-minute program for grownups and young children to enjoy together. Just drop in on Wednesdays at the Georgetown

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In the oops department, I goofed in July's Mayor's column. I said there were nine Lorne Scots who served in Afghanistan. Jack Harrison was quick to let me know that I was partially correct. There were nine from Halton Hills and altogether there were 30 from the Peel, Dufferin and Halton Lorne Scots regiment who served our country so proudly.

Congratulations to Royal LePage Meadowtowne Realty, Georgetown on their recent grand opening.

If it's too hot outside, drop by the Civic Centre to cool off and while you're here, visit the Mayor's art wall, currently showcasing local artist Liz Zahara.

Keeping it real! I can be reached by telephone at 905-873-2601, ext. 2342, or by email at mayor@haltonhills.ca or you can read my blog at www.rickbonnette.blogspot.com.

Rick Bonnette is the mayor of Halton Hills

Community Calendar

Branch at 9:45 a.m., until August 24.

Crafternoons: Kids will make a great craft in about 15 minutes! Drop in anytime between 2 and 4 p.m. at either branch every Wednesday, until August 24. No registration required, just drop in. Info: www.hhpl.on.ca.

Wednesday Garden Eucharist: will be held 7:30-8 p.m. in the St. Alban's Summer Outdoor Chapel on the banks of the Credit River, 537 Main St. Glen Williams, every Wednesday evening, weather permitting, until September. Everyone is welcome.

Nordic Pole Walking: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. outside Gellert Centre; bring toonie for the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Sleepytime Stories: Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring their bedtime friends to this free 30-minute program for grownups and young children to enjoy together on Wednesdays at the Georgetown Branch at 7 p.m., until Aug. 24 and Tuesdays at the Acton Branch at 7 p.m., until Aug. 23. Info: www.hhpl.on.ca.

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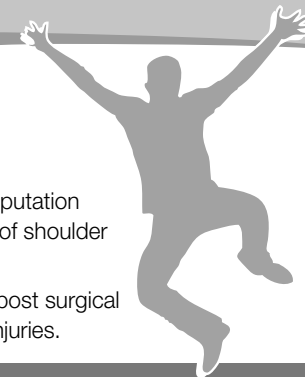
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