

'Tis the season of giving

The holiday season is fast approaching. December is a period of short days, cold nights, and cloudy skies.

For most, Christmas is a time of joy with friends and loved ones. For some though, it is a reminder of what they don't have, of how hard life can be. This is a time of year that I ask that you remember to donate to organizations that serve our community, such as food banks, Salvation Army kettles, and Sharing Trees, to name a few.

What's often lost in the statistics is the number of children who are in need as their families struggle to make ends meet. Many of those needing assistance are working people like you. As the holidays approach, be in good cheer and help others to be in equally happy spirits.

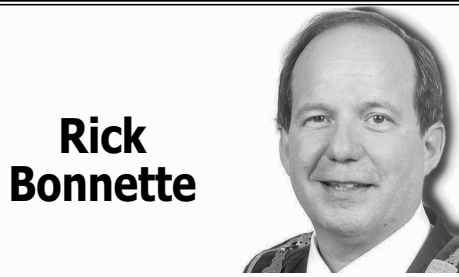
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On behalf of all of those who enjoyed the Santa Claus parades, a big thank you to Bill and Dianne Spielvogel, the Acton Firefighters Association, Al Watts and the Georgetown Lions Club for putting on an outstanding parade for all!

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Speaking of Christmas; there have been many stories in the news about Canadians crossing the border to shop. With the high cost of gas, long lines, not only at the border but in the stores as well, one has to wonder if it is really worth it.

For my money, the best shopping is right here in town. Our local merchants are the ones who sponsor little



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league sports, upcoming events and many other community initiatives, they are the ones that give back to our community.

If you haven't done it already, book your Christmas lunches or dinners throughout Halton Hills as we offer a wide variety of excellent restaurants.

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Congratulations to the following businesses on their grand openings:

- Alia N TanJ, Georgetown
- JENTS for Men, Georgetown

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Come by the Civic Centre to see our latest local artist, Brian Gibson on the Mayor's Art Wall.

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Keeping it real! I can be reached by telephone at 905-873-2601, ext. 2342, or by email at mayor@haltonhills.ca or read my blog at www.rickbonnette.blogspot.com or follow me on twitter at: RickBonnette1

—Rick Bonnette is the mayor of Halton Hills

Region approves plan to accelerate road expansion

Halton's accelerated infrastructure program will see \$615 million invested into regional roads over the next five years.

Regional council recently approved the program that aims to reduce traffic congestion by speeding up the expansion of certain roads by up to eight years.

The Region will also enhance programs already in place and ensure sufficient detour routes are in place for all projects, review and adjust traffic light timing on roads impacted by construction, and enhance the coordination of construction

activities across the Region.

Real time construction updates will be available via Twitter and updates on construction activity are available at www.halton.ca/construction.

"This year alone we've invested more than \$190 million in infrastructure," said Regional Chair Gary Carr. "We know that driving on regional roads is an important part of most people's days and I want to thank them for their patience while we work to improve not only our roads, but also the critical water and wastewater infrastructure running beneath them."

Local man hurt in crash in Erin

A 29-year-old Georgetown man suffered serious back injuries when he was thrown from his vehicle during a rollover crash on Trafalgar Rd. south of Sideroad 10 in Erin Township Friday evening.

Wellington OPP say the accident occurred about 9:10 p.m.

Police say a 2001 Dodge pickup truck was travelling north on Trafalgar Rd. and left the roadway for unknown

reasons just south of Sideroad 10. The truck rolled in the ditch throwing the driver (the lone occupant) clear of the vehicle.

OPP continue to investigate and ask anyone with information on the collision to call Const. Tim Sturgeon at 519-856-1506, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or submit a tip online at www.crimestoppersguelphwellington.com.

Serving you in Halton Hills

Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott schedules meetings with constituents in Georgetown on a regular basis at Mold Masters Sportsplex (Arena) Rink B Boardroom, 221 Guelph Street.

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