



Play money

The Rotary Club of Georgetown has completed its fundraising efforts for the Universally Accessible Children's Playground at Dominion Gardens Park that will be built in the spring of 2012. Monday they presented the Town of Halton Hills with a cheque for \$142,818, raised from various sources including an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant, and the raffle of a 2012 Fiat 500. Presenting the cheque to Mayor Rick Bonnette, were Rotary members (from left): Tom Bentley, Bonnette, Peter Zavitz, Barry Edington, and Harry Hope.

Photo by Cynthia Gamble

Follow these tips to avoid being a theft victim— police

With holiday shopping in full swing Halton Regional Police Service is reminding area residents about some precautionary measures they can take to avoid being victims of crime.

The primary cause of vehicle thefts at this time of year is vehicles left idling and unattended, presenting a crime of opportunity for thieves.

Police encourage residents to check within their own municipality for specific by-laws that govern the idling of vehicles.

Police also warn people about leaving vehicle doors unlocked or any items in plain view. An unlocked vehicle or having items in view is an invitation to thieves.

While there are no guarantees against becoming a victim of vehicle theft, or having your vehicle broken into, the Halton Regional Police Service offers the following tips:

- Park in a well-lit and attended area, if possible, for your own safety as

well as your vehicle

- Never leave your vehicle unattended with the engine running, even for a few seconds. Turn off the ignition and take the keys with you

- Always lock all of your vehicle's doors and windows after entering and exiting

- Never leave personal identification or valuables in your vehicle. Lock all valuables in the trunk. Don't tempt thieves by leaving packages, cameras, or purses in plain view or on the seat

- Remove GPS navigation and cell phone devices from view when not in your vehicle

- Mount CD and MP3 players inconspicuously

- If you have a garage, use it, and lock your car

- Never hide a spare key in your car. Thieves know where to look

For more crime prevention ideas visit www.haltonpolice.ca and follow link to Community Policing.

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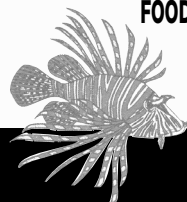
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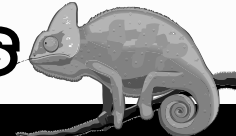
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