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Whether you are looking to buy or sell a home, location is critical, and the community with all its activities are a significant part of the attraction. Halton is an incredible place to live and raise a family. But what keeps people busy in town during our cold winters? Here is just a sample:

Georgetown is, arguably, **hockey** central meaning that on any given day throughout the winter there are hundreds of kids and adults playing hockey in one of the three indoor sheets of ice – **Mold Masters & Memorial Arena** - in a park, or on a local pond. Soccer moms become hockey moms, and games, practices and tournaments start as early as 6 a.m., even on school days. And when the ice is not full of budding superstars you can find **figure skating** or enjoy a family skate.

If hockey isn't your thing, **indoor soccer** has become a local phenomenon with games scheduled every night of the week in Acton's Agricultural Building. The up and coming rep teams offer high level training where house league offers less competitive play in two winter sessions.



Swimming is another important sport in the area with a full complement of lessons and water activities available at the **Gellert Centre** and more competitive training through **Halton Blue Fins** at the high school pool.

The **toboggan** hill at **Cedarvale Park** is just one spot in and around town where families can get winter thrills. Located at the centre of town, the park is also the home of Georgetown's official **dog run**, and is at the head of the trail system that connects through the ravine to south Georgetown. These trails are not to be outdone by the numerous hikes available on the nearby **Bruce Trail** system where hundreds of kilometers of trails with varying degree of difficulty are open to hikers year round, but are particularly beautiful in the winter.

Skiing, snowboarding and tubing are also close by at **Glen Eden Ski & Snowboard Centre**, open nightly until 9pm with a variety of trails, a terrain park and lessons. **Dance, cheerleading and gymnastics** also figure prominently in Georgetown with several clubs and studios providing programs for all ages and skill levels.

The arts are alive and well during the winter in Georgetown. The **Williams Mill Visual Art Centre** is home to over 30 accomplished and internationally recognized artists whose studios are open to the public. The **Credit Valley Artisans** are located in Cedarvale Cottage in the park. Both are active arts communities that offer classes and special events to promote the visual arts.

And, of course, there is shopping. Downtown Georgetown's historic **Main Street** offers a variety of boutique stores and restaurants for an afternoon of browsing fun while **Marketplace Mall** on Guelph Street is the place for mainstream shopping. Other plazas throughout Georgetown offer typical conveniences and services.

There is no lack of things to do during the winter in Halton. And when you are tired of running back and forth between activities, you know you can relax with friends and family at a local restaurant or pub just to get away from it all.

It's an advantage to work with a Realtor® who has strong community knowledge and participation and who is enthusiastic about the area. Thom Gallagher is a Sales Representative with Johnson Associates Real Estate Ltd., Brokerage and is involved in a number of community organizations and activities. For more information on this article or to discuss listing or buying a home, call Thom at 416.524.6530 or visit www.hottesthomes.ca.

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