

# Identify of fire victim confirmed

A post mortem has confirmed that Dr. Alex Ashenhurst, 71, died of smoke inhalation as a result of a fire in his Eighth Line home Saturday night, a spokesperson for Halton Hills Fire Department said Wednesday.

Halton Hills Fire Department Deputy Chief of Operations John Martin said the cause of the fire has not yet been determined and is still under investigation by the office of the Ontario Fire Marshal. He said investigation revealed the fire started in the bedroom where Ashenhurst was found.

The home was destroyed in the blaze.

Damage is estimated at about \$500,000.

Ashenhurst, a family doctor in town for 40 years, is survived by his sons James (Janet) of Nashville, Tennessee and Andrew (Veronica) of Toronto, brother Jim (Barb) of Mississauga and friend and former spouse Judith Marshall of Georgetown.

Visitation will be at J.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home, 11582 Trafalgar Rd., Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m., and Monday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral service will be held at Georgetown Christian Reformed Church, 11611 Trafalgar Rd., Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 2 p.m.

# Board won't hear GDHS parents' complaint

A group of parents and students from Georgetown District High School are still working to bring former teacher Eleanor Wallace back to the school.

Wallace, a beloved longtime music teacher, was abruptly transferred to another school in December, devastating many of her students who launched a Facebook page in an effort to bring her back.

The group of 22 had hoped to appear as a delegation at the Halton District School Board meeting Wednesday night (Feb. 1), but was turned down. In an email Board chair Don Vrooman said the Board wouldn't hear the delegation because it's a personnel matter.

Lisa-Dawn McKenzie, a member of the group, said they are hoping the Board will reconsider and let the group appear as a

delegation, but if not, they still intend to go to the board office in Burlington Wednesday night to show their support for Wallace's return.

"Students and parents need an outlet to feel as if they're being heard," said McKenzie. "If we stand outside the building on board night at least we've shown that people from Georgetown have made the drive down there."

The group is also taking part in a letter-writing campaign targeting mostly Halton Hills Trustee Gillian Tuck Kutarna telling her it's her mandate to instruct the Director of Education to reverse Wallace's transfer.

Anyone interested in attending the meeting is asked to email McKenzie at lmckenzie@cogeco.ca.

# Wet dog sends emergency crews into action

Halton Police, EMS and Halton Hills firefighters responded to the Credit River in the area of the Barber Mill at River Dr. and Maple Ave. about 4 p.m. Monday after receiving a call from a passing motorist about a child struggling in the water.

The caller said they believed another child was attempting to get the child out of the water.

Crews searched the area and couldn't

find anybody. They continued to search along the river in Glen Williams and Norval but didn't find anything.

A spokesperson for the fire department said while they were searching a woman and a dog approached them. The woman said her dog had been in the water, became distressed and she went in to rescue him. It's believed that's what the passerby saw mistaking the woman and dog for children.

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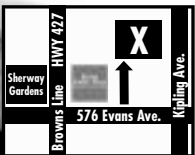
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