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## Census shows town is aging

The Halton Hills community is, on average, about two years older in 2011 than it was in the last Census (2006).

According to data from the 2011 Census of Population, released last Wednesday, in Halton Hills the average median age of the 59,010 residents living here in 2011 was 39.9 with 79.6 per cent of those aged 15 and over. That compares similarly with region-wide stats, where the average age is 39.3 and the 80.4 per cent of the population is aged 15 and over.

In 2006, the average age was 37.9 with 77.7 per cent of the population over age 15.

A full analysis is available in the report, The Canadian Population in 2011: Age and Sex.

In the Canada-wide stats, seniors accounted for 14.8 per cent of the Canadian population in 2011, up from 13.7 per cent in 2006.

In Halton Hills there are 720 seniors (235 males and 490 females) aged 85 and older. In 2006 there were only 545. A total of 7,025 seniors, aged 65 and older, represented about 12 per cent of the population. In 2006, that age category was 10 per cent of the population.

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Sherry Cartwright is back rolling along with her pooch Charlotte after receiving a replacement walker for the one that was stolen from her van last week. A story on her plight prompted an outpouring of offers to replace the walker. Photo by Ted Brown

## Stolen walker story prompts outpouring of offers of help

By LISA TALLYN  
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The community has come through in a big way for a Georgetown woman whose walker was stolen last week.

After the story of the theft of Sherry Cartwright's rollator walker from her van sometime last Sunday or Monday appeared in *The Independent and Free Press* Thursday (May 31), the calls and emails started pouring in.

Nearly two dozen people made offers to loan Cartwright a walker, give her one, or give her money so she could purchase a replacement.

Offers of help also came in from a couple residents who work in the health care equipment field.

Cartwright, 50, who is on a disability pension, said on Thursday evening two women stopped by her apartment separately and gave her a walker— one exactly like the one that was stolen— and the other a lightweight walker that Cartwright will give to a friend of hers who also needs a walker.

"I am so thankful," said Cartwright of all the offers. "They made my day. I am surprised, but I also knew that Georgetown is a good community."

She was devastated when someone took her walker, which she uses for things like shopping, and walking her dog Charlotte around the neighbourhood.

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