

Lucky us

In about a month's time many Canadians will be waving the red and white and cheering on our Olympic athletes at the summer Games in London.

Our patriotism meter will venture into territory it rarely reaches. That, in itself, is somewhat sad as we have much to be proud of.

This weekend— specifically Sunday— gives us an opportunity to warm up for the Olympics as this nation celebrates Canada Day and its 145th birthday.

As the Heritage Canada website states, "We are proud of the nation we have built together over the last 145 years. Since the earliest days of our history, Canada has been a land of promise.

"We have built a society that celebrates achievement and excellence, while at the same time maintaining a strong respect for human rights.

"Our participation in Celebrate Canada activities brings us together, strengthens our communities, and helps us understand the significance of the citizenship we all share."

One need only cast a glance at the headlines from around the world— unrest and human atrocities in Syria, financial crises in Greece, Ireland, Spain and much of Europe, drug cartel wars in Mexico— to realize life in Canada is pretty darn good.

Here in Halton Hills a day-long list of activities will be held in Glen Williams, perhaps the most picturesque village in all of southern Ontario, and Acton— the town that's worth the drive.

There is fun for the entire family right in our backyard.

We hope everyone pauses for a moment to realize what it is to be a Canadian and how lucky we are to call this country our home.

Happy Canada Day!

WEB POLL RESULTS

(Go to www.theifp.ca)

During heat waves, have you ever made use of any of the Town's cooling centres?

- No. I have air-conditioning (59%)
- What (and where) is a Town cooling centre? (32%)
- Yes. They're a godsend (9%)

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Letters to the editor

Intersection is a cause for concern

Dear editor,

It was with great interest that I read Piotr Kurylłowicz's June 7 letter, "Overpass, lights would be safer".

I live at the corner of Trafalgar and 17 Sideroad, and have to agree with the comments regarding the safety concerns at this intersection. I find it interesting that the citizens of Georgetown acknowledge the hazards of this busy junction, yet the Halton Hills planning department is still entertaining the proposal of building a gas bar and convenience store on the northeast corner.

On a daily basis, cars and heavy trucks speed, run red lights and pass in the turning lanes. Add to this, the congestion and frustration, caused by the rail crossings and stopped or slow moving trains.

We have often observed motorists who have been sitting for extended periods of time, cut through private property trying to circumvent the congestion at this location. It's only a matter of time before this intersection is going to see another

fatal accident. The addition of another distraction here is only going to make things worse.

To date, only a few citizens have expressed their concerns to the planning department.

I strongly encourage all those that travel through this congested intersection, to voice their opinions to the planning department. If we don't speak out, someone we love may be the next casualty here.

Dave Neal, Georgetown

CASHh says town did itself proud

Dear editor,

I want to express how proud I am of each and every one of you living in Halton Hills, especially those of you who relentlessly walked the streets knocking on doors; those of you who happily worked together to help with campaign preparations; and, of course, that would all be for naught if it wasn't for the donations.

We raised \$104,572. Be proud Halton Hills. Be proud that your community is a leader of a non-profit organization that does what it says it'll do— take care of cancer patients who need practical care!

Remember once again this campaign doesn't just raise money to help cancer patients, but also awareness. More and more people learn what we can do for them, and let us help. Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills is successful and dependable because you need us. This is proven every day.

*Anna Mae Moore,
 Campaign Manager,
 CASHh*

Return of wallet much appreciated

Dear editor,

Thank you very much to the person who returned my wallet to the customer service department at the Real Canadian Superstore on May 27.

An act of this nature truly deserves commendation.

Unfortunately I don't know who you are, if you are a customer or an employee at the Real Canadian Superstore or who to thank, but, you know who you are so thank you again.

It surely does restore the faith and goodness in humanity.

*Judy Howard,
 Moffat*