

HALTON HILLS SENIORS RECREATION CENTRES ACTON



By Julie Conroy

When you walk in the Centre over the next few weeks, be prepared to have your picture taken ready for the electric launch of our new sign in technology which will start on April 2. You will receive a small key tab to go on your key chain which will register you and what activity you are here to attend. This will replace the sign in and volunteer books. The data received by this method will be much more accurate and is vital for our funding of the Centre.

The finance committee met last Tuesday, and is busy planning for the upcoming Spring Bazaar on Saturday, May 12. Marj McDonough has lots of lovely prizes ready for the penny table which will be set up shortly, also keep in mind the baking table. New this year! If you have home made jams or jellies, or make candies please keep the bake table in mind.

We hope to see as many members as possible out on March 21 for the annual general meeting. It is very important that you attend and vote for board members that will

be representing you for the next two years.

There will be three free Health and Safety Training Sessions offered to all members. The first was held on March 13 (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act Presentation). The second is on March 20, from 9:30 -11:30 a.m., at the Gellert Community Centre (First Aid and Defibrillator Training Session) and the final one is at the Acton Arena Community Hall on March 22, from 2 - 4 p.m. (Emergency Preparedness and Fire Extinguisher)

The Birthday Tea is on Tuesday, March 20 to celebrate members who were born in February, or March.

At last Thursday afternoons Bid Euchre, Frances Hogenbirk and Betty Brewer both had mooners, and Shirley Hunter had the highest score recorded - 357. Congratulations Shirley.

If you are unable to get to the Centre and would like an update on what we have to offer, there are copies of Hills view at the Acton public library.

The 50/50 was won by Wes Storey this week. He won \$54.50.



TECH TAG: With help from Acton Seniors Centre executive Michelle Durham (right) Centre President Bev Jones was one of the first members to have their photo taken and be issued a new Centre identity tag which will help keep track of what activities members use. - Julie Conroy photo

Town Digest

Home Safe Home success

Approximately 70 per cent of the households visited in Acton and Georgetown in last fall's Home Safe Home fire inspection pilot project had not talked about how they would escape in the event of a fire, prompting Halton Hills fire Department officials to suggest they "ramp up" efforts to improve fire safety.

In a report to council last Monday, Deputy Chief Harry Olivieri reported they inspected 119 houses for fire safety issues during Fire Prevention Week, which led to a great opportunity for public including having an escape plan. "Thirty-three per cent of our population that we visited said they had [discussed a fire escape] plan, so there's a great gap there of close to 70 per cent that had not even had the discussion

with their families," D/C Olivieri said.

D/C Olivieri also said that most of the homes they visited had working smoke alarms, but in 20 cases, they had to either replace the batteries in the smoke alarm, or supply one to the homeowner. "So, those are good numbers, but still, that shows there are some people in our community (who) still don't have

working smoke alarms," Olivieri said, adding they will work to get that message out. He also said the Fire Department intends to expand the Home Safe Home voluntary inspection program town-wide, an initiative that would take three years to complete.

The Fire Department's recent move to an enhanced tiered medical response at motor vehicle accidents when personal injuries are confirmed, or there is a threat of

respiratory or cardiac arrest showed "we are making a difference out there," D/C Olivieri said, adding they are getting to collisions in a more timely manner because they are getting the information quicker from 911, police and ambulance services.

"We're making a difference - we're getting there sooner to make the rescue," Olivieri, recounting two instances where firefighters had a positive impact by using a defibrillator and doing CPR.

WHAT CAN HIGH-SPEED INTERNET DO FOR YOU?






The Town of Halton Hills and Xplornet Communications Inc. will be hosting information nights focused on the new **4G broadband internet** service in the Halton Hills region. Residents in the Halton Hills region can now receive a minimum of **3.0 Mbps** download, **20 GB** bandwidth high-speed internet, starting at **\$59.99** for a Satellite package.

The Town of Halton Hills and Xplornet Communications Inc. will be hosting a presentation on how high-speed internet can benefit your home and family. In addition, a senior representative from Xplornet will share the latest information on the successful launch, timing, capacity, and attractive **4G** broadband internet pricing options for the residents in Halton Hills. Complimentary refreshments will be served.


We look forward to seeing you there.

In collaboration with:
ONTARIO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND RURAL AFFAIRS
Rural Connections Broadband Program.

RESIDENTIAL SESSION:
TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH
at the Acton Arena and Community Centre
415 Queen Street East, Acton, ON
from 8:00 to 9:30pm



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Get out!
Stay out!**



**Practise your home escape plan.
Never go back inside a burning building.**



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