

Acton's LeAnne Monaghan qualifies for Boston Marathon

Leanne Monaghan, 48, has qualified for the 2013 Boston Marathon after completing her first marathon on Sunday, May 6, 2012. Monaghan completed the Mississauga Marathon with a chip time of 3:57:59.4 and placed 38 out of 120 in her age cat-



egory.

Monaghan, an Acton native, took up running a year and a half ago to challenge herself in a sport that she had no interest or experience in. Monaghan ran her first

half marathon, The Army Run, in the fall of 2011. After this experience she decided to further push herself and train for a full marathon with an end goal of qualifying for Boston.

Monaghan, manager and R.M.T at Staying Alive Fitness for the past six and half years has crossed paths with many runners and wanted to understand the mental and physical challenges of running. With Monaghan's involvement in the fitness industry she was able to find top training with Brad Mailloux from Feet in Motion to help her achieve her goals.

Monaghan strives to be a role model for women in representing that you can set and achieve goals at any age.

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MONAGHANS MARATHON: Acton's Leanne Monaghan (left) poses with her pace bunny Serena Gransotto after completing her first full marathon on May 6, which qualifies her for the 2013 Boston marathon. — Submitted photo

Traffic safety still a concern at MSB

Despite the regular presence of a uniformed bylaw enforcement officer and education – including letters home to parents, and students told to remind those parents of the laws – the illegal parking and stopping has “not improved” on the streets around McKenzie-Smith Bennett School, according to Ontario Parking Control Bureau Corp. Officer Alberta Recinos.

When an illegally parked driver in the unmanned crossing hit an MSB student on Acton Boulevard last month, school officials, the Town and police began searching for safety improvements, including

beefed up enforcement of the bylaws. After three weeks on the job, Alberta Recinos, the Town's contract bylaw officer said his twice-daily presence at MSB had not made a difference.

“They (parents) don't care – I keep giving warnings and (parking bylaw infraction) tags... but they don't seem to be threatened, or something like that,” Recinos said last Wednesday morning, adding all those involved can't understand why some parents continue to ignore the clearly posted no stopping and no parking areas.

Recinos issued six tickets in April, but having

been told to defer questions to Matt Roj, the Town's Traffic Co-ordinator, he could not update that number. Later Wednesday, Roj said he'd have to get the number from Recinos, and would not comment on the bylaw officer's assessment of the situation at MSB.

On Wednesday Roj reported 3 more parking bylaw tickets had been issued, and many parents had to be waved away from the illegal areas where they were choosing to park. Roj made it very clear that even with the presence of By-Law officers at the school parents are still choosing to disobey the posted signs.

Roj said they are monitoring and enforcing the traffic bylaws in front of the school, “so the safety of the people that are crossing the road, that are merging with the traffic, that the visibility is there.”

Roj said they have a plan to make some changes at the front of the school, but at this point, it would be “premature” to give the details. Earlier discussions included extending the north-end parking lot for a “kiss and go” area, decommissioning the unmanned crossing of Acton Boulevard at the north end, and studying school bus routes.

Canada Road Safety Week

Canada Road Safety Week (CRSW) will take place starting May 14 and ending at midnight on May 21.

For many years now, police services from

across Canada have collaborated with agencies to raise awareness regarding issues of public safety on the roadways.

Transport Canada's statistics in 2006 indi-

cates that 2,889 people were killed in collisions on Canada's highways and another 15,281 were seriously injured. The Traffic Injury Research Foundation estimates that 1,046 of those deaths were alcohol-related crashes. This equates to 37 per cent of fatally injured drivers with positive blood alcohol content.

This year police will focus on impaired driving, use of occupant restraints and all aspects of aggressive driving, as well as the use of hand-held devices and distracted driving. These

four areas have consistently been identified as being the causes of most fatal and serious-injury collisions. Focusing on behaviours that reduce risks for drivers, passengers, and other road users is key. This can be accomplished with sober and alert driving, seat belt use, and refraining from all aspects of aggressive driving.

CRSW supports Canada's Road Safety Strategy 2015, a plan to make Canada's roads the safest in the world in 2015. For more information please visit www.cacp.ca

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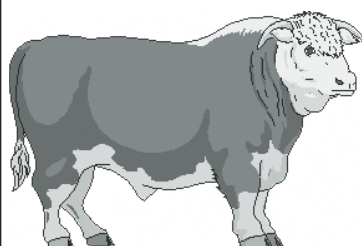
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