



Universal playground opens

Rotarians, Town of Halton Hills staff and politicians, Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott and members of the public gathered at the recently completed Universally Accessible Children's Playground to watch Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette and Rotary president Barry Edgington cut the ribbon, officially opening the facility. Located in Dominion Gardens Park beside Christ the King High School, the park features playground equipment designed for all to access, and was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Georgetown.

Photo by Ted Brown

Graffiti 'artists' proving to be a nuisance— police

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Graffiti is on the rise in Georgetown.

Halton Police don't believe the incidents are gang-related, but the marks left by the graffiti artists prove to be a nuisance for business owners who have to paint over the walls or fences or hire someone to do it.

Det. Dwayne Perron says there has been a dramatic increase in the number of graffiti incidents in town. He says the artist often "leave signature of what they want to be known as on the street."

The Main St. and Mill St. area of Georgetown has been a popular target with some businesses being hit multiple times. Graffiti has also been scattered throughout the downtown core.

One downtown Georgetown business owner, who did not want her name published, said they have been hit three times.

"It's a pain in the neck," she said. "We had to hire someone to come and paint it out.

"You've got to paint it out or they will come back."

She said the words "Joy" and "Cake" are two that have been spray-painted on their building.

"You buy a building and you take care of it. To me it's vandalism and it costs you money," she said.

She added, "you don't want to become one of those towns that have this stuff all over."

"Every city experiences this every year," said Perron. "Typically you will get a prolific person that will hammer an area."

Police ask area residents to be on the lookout for suspicious persons that could be involved in such incidents and to call police at 905-878-5511 ext. 2419.

The charge a graffiti artist could face is mischief under \$5,000. If convicted they could face a fine and probation.

Region contest celebrates life in Halton

Got a favourite summer activity in Halton?

If so, now's the time to share it with your fellow residents— via a Halton Region contest. From now until July 27, Halton residents are invited to share their favourite local summer activities— with a photo or letter— at halton.ca.tourism.

Contest prizes for the best submissions will include copies of *Halton: Rising, Wild and Beckoning* and *Halton Hikes* and family passes to Conservation Halton parks.

The contest will use popular social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter

and Pinterest to share submissions.

"Residents really do have the inside scoop on all of the great things to do here in Halton," said Halton Regional Chair. "We look forward to using Halton Region's social media tools to share your stories, whether it is about one of the many festivals, farmers' markets, cultural or sporting attractions here in Halton, the many wonderful places to visit such as our waterfront parks, the escarpment or the Halton Region Museum, or simply enjoying a cool beverage on the patio of your favourite local restaurant."

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