

# New BIA sign 'rocks' the downtown

The Georgetown Business Improvement Area recently unveiled the second of its signs welcoming visitors to downtown Georgetown. On hand for the unveiling on Main St. S. were Rick Ruggle BIA executive member, Randy Carkerman BIA executive member, Ron Quinlan BIA executive member, artist Ken Hall Artist and Wendy Farrow-Reed BIA manager. The other sign is located at Main St. N.

Photo by Jon Borgstrom



## Crime fighters

Allstate Insurance Company of Canada recently donated \$1,000 to Crime Stoppers of Halton from its Trusted Community Partner Program (TCPP) and on hand for the donation were, from left, Allstate Insurance Agency Manager Noreen Gill, Crime Stoppers of Halton board chair Gary McLean and Halton Police Crime Stoppers co-ordinator Sgt. Gary Gold. "It's a privilege to volunteer with Crime Stoppers of Halton and to see the difference they make throughout our community," said Gill. TCPP enables Allstate agents who volunteer personal time to a registered charity or not-for-profit group involved in charitable programs or services, to apply for, and secure, a grant of up to \$1,000 to be donated to the organization. "We are grateful for Allstate's donation," said McLean. "Without the contributions of good corporate citizens like Allstate, we wouldn't have the resources we need to make a positive impact on the lives of those who utilize our services." Submitted photo

## Program aids young entrepreneurs

# Summer Company— Turning ideas into business

This summer, the Halton Region Small Business Centre is once again working with young entrepreneurs to help them start and grow their own businesses through participation in the provincially-funded Summer Company program.

Students who participate in the Summer Company program receive cash awards of up to \$3,000—an upfront award of up to \$1,500 to put toward start-up costs and up to \$1,500 upon successful completion of the program—from the Ministry of Economic Development and Innovation.

"Entrepreneurship sparks innovation, creates jobs and helps our economy grow," said Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr.

"Summer Company sets young entrepreneurs up to succeed, through business coaching, training and ongoing mentoring."

This year's eight participants were selected from numerous applicants from the Halton area.

Their businesses include everything from graphic design, exterior painting and swimming lessons to flyer delivery services and more.

In addition to the cash awards, students receive business training and mentoring from volunteers from the local business community.

This year's mentors are:  
 • Liz Kush, Senior Account Manager, Business and Personal Markets RBC, South Halton Market

- Tom Cochran, Consultant, Halton Business Advisory Group
- Phil Von Massow, owner, CPL Group
- Nelia Taylor, Certified General Accountant, BDO Canada LLP

The goal of the program is to



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support students interested in entrepreneurship as a possible career goal.

Here are this year's summer companies:

- Jestin Miller, Miller's Maintenance, Burlington
- Brendon Lisi, Surf Sandford Apparel
- Ben Swallow, RealCurb Paint
- Alida Carlin, Hometown Painting
- Mitch Cook, Flyer Hustle
- Malcolm Halley, MADRAD, Oakville
- Sarah Hay, Little Fins, Oakville
- Kate Cowan, K.C. Designs

For further information on these businesses, the Summer Company Program and the Halton Small Business Centre, visit their website at [www.halton.ca/business](http://www.halton.ca/business) or dial 311, 905-825-6000, ext. 7522, toll free 1-866-442-5866, or TTY 905-827-9833. Find our Halton Summer Company page on Facebook.

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