

# Mayor's Corner

By Rick Bonnette



Many of you will have noticed by now that the Mold-Masters Sports-Plex Twin Pad Expansion Project is starting to take form. New residents to the Town may wonder what if any impacts this new arena program will have on your property taxes? When Council made its decision to move forward on this construction program, we looked at both the capital construction impacts, and the operating budget impacts.

I wish to inform you that on the capital construction side of things, the project is being funded by \$5.4-million dollars in development charges, \$4-million dollars from arena users, and the balance of \$9.5-million from reserves. As such, there is no direct impact on your property taxes. Certainly current and past tax dollars set aside for large capital expenditures such as this are being used.

On the operating budget side of things, you should know that the current

single pad arena (Memorial Arena) operated at a deficit of approximately \$135,000 in 2011. The new twin pad project is budgeted to break even, so in turn will have a positive outcome on the operating budget.

I reported last year that 369 hours of out of town ice was rented on behalf of our users. This number does not include any out of town ice rented directly by user groups, skating clubs, rep and house league hockey or other organizations.

This season, the hours booked by Town staff has now climbed to 511 hours of out-of-town ice being booked. It is estimated that almost 1000 hours of ice this year will be booked out of town. That is a lot of dollars flowing out of Halton Hills.

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The United Way of Halton Hill's 2012 Campaign Goal is \$350,000. Please help the United Way achieve its goal this year, as those dollars go



**TRINITY CELEBRATES:** With prayer and song, the congregation of Trinity United Church celebrated the church's 167th anniversary on Sunday. Guest speaker, former Trinity minister, The Reverend Deborah McKellar (centre) was welcomed by The Reverend Hyuk Cho (left) and Trinity musical director, Dr. George Elliott. – Ted Tyler photo

directly to organizations that serve our community. Call 905 877-3066 to make a donation.

Please take time to thank a Veteran and join one of the following Remembrance Day Ceremonies being held in Halton Hills:

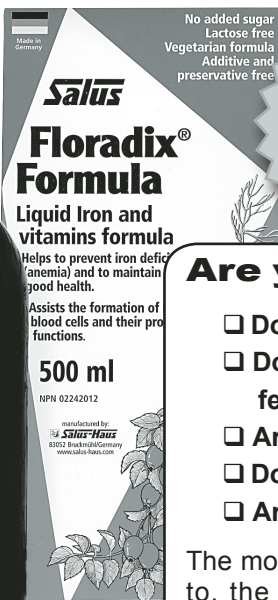
- Royal Canadian Legion, Acton Branch 197 – 11 a.m. at the Acton Cenotaph
- Royal Canadian Legion, Georgetown Branch 120 – 11 a.m. at Remembrance Park
- Royal Canadian

Legion, Georgetown Branch 120 – 1:45 p.m. at Glen Williams Cenotaph  
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Congratulations to:  
• Floyd's Body Shop on its 35 year anniversary  
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Keeping it real! I can be reached by telephone at 905-873-2601, ext. 2342, or by email at mayor@haltonhills.ca or you can read my blog at www.rickbonnette.blogspot.com

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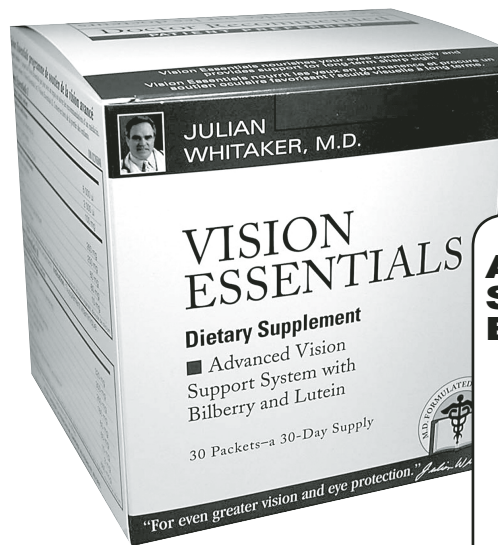


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- Do you have brittle hair and nails?
- Are you vegetarian?

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