



**MUSIC MAKERS:** Students of Rockwood music teacher Klara Bookbinder performed a New Year's piano concert for the Rockwood Seniors Club at the Rockwood library. They include, back from left: John Kosir, Aidan Szekely-Nokes, Myra Freeman, Chrystal Vermeulen and Adriana Vermeulen. Middle: Mark Kosir, Presley Freeman, Amara D'Souza and Kayliegh Rankin. Front: Ava D'Souza. – Submitted photo

# Cold alert issued for Halton Region

An Extreme Cold Weather Alert was issued by the Halton Region Health Department effective yesterday (Wednesday). Alerts are issued when temperatures are expected to fall below -15 degrees Celsius (without wind-chill), or when weather conditions are severe enough to warrant alerting the community to the risks involved with prolonged exposure.

The alert is intended to inform the general public and community agencies and recommend precautions. This alert is in effect until temperatures rise above -15 degrees Celsius (without wind-chill) or weather conditions improve and the risks involved with prolonged exposure are reduced.

Anyone can be affected by extreme cold-related weather conditions, depending on length of time and exertion levels. Those especially at risk include: older adults (over the age of 65), infants and young children, outdoor workers, sport enthusiasts (hikers, ski-

ers), homeless persons, and/or those lacking shelter, proper clothing or food.

To keep yourself and your family safe, you should know how to prevent cold-related health problems and what to do if there is a cold-weather emergency. You can avoid cold-related injury by dressing appropriately and covering exposed skin. It is also important, in preparation for winter driving conditions, that you keep a Car Survival Kit in your car at all times. This kit can include items such as: cell phone, blankets, booster cables, shovel, first aid supplies, flashlight and batteries, extra boots/socks, etc. A kit such as this can save your life or someone else's. Plan ahead and listen to the weather forecast.

Additional information, weather forecasts and wind-chill information can also be obtained from the Environment Canada website. For further information on extreme cold, please contact Halton Region at 311 or 1-866-442-5866, or visit [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca)

## MAYOR'S CORNER



**By: RICK BONNETTE**

"Spectacular, wow, marvellous" are all the words I have heard from those who have had a sneak preview of the newly renovated Georgetown Library and Cultural Centre. I hope to see you at the official grand opening on Saturday, January 26 from 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. When one combines the main library and Cultural Centre in Georgetown with the new Acton Branch Library; Halton Hills is second to no other community this size in the province in terms of the literacy, learning and cultural opportunities available to those living and working in their community. This will be a fun-filled day for the whole family. The official ribbon cutting ceremony

will be at 11 a.m.  
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I invite everyone to come out to the Acton Winter Carnival on January 27 at Prospect Park in Acton. Lots of outdoor activities are being planned. This will be a lot of fun for the whole family. Last year was a huge success, we just need snow.  
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Watch for the 2013 spring and summer Town Activity and Service Guide to be delivered Thursday, February 21. Guides will also be available at Town facilities and on the Town's website at [www.haltonhills.ca](http://www.haltonhills.ca) Recreation & Parks' spring and summer program registration starts March 6, kicking off a fresh new season.  
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A community open house is being held at the Georgetown Marketplace Mall on Saturday, February 9 from 10 a.m. to

4 p.m. This year's open house theme is 'Together We are the Heart of the Community'. It features over 50 community organizations. Come out and see what they are all about and learn how you can become more involved in your community. Be sure to visit the Cooperative Program Planning Committee table located in Centre Court to let them know what you love about Halton Hills and be entered into a draw for a prize.  
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Lastly, thank you to all of the Light up the Hills volunteers in making Dominion Gardens and the Acton Sport Park once again a beautiful spectacle of lights.  
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Congratulations to: Subway on their third store opening in Georgetown.  
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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](mailto:mayor@haltonhills.ca) or you can read my blog at [www.rick-bonnette.blogspot.com](http://www.rick-bonnette.blogspot.com)

### A Family Skate

Sunday January 27th  
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mold-Masters Sportplex  
Ice Pad Alcott  
221 Guelph St., Georgetown

Everyone welcome.

Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott

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