



Halton Hills councillors chipped in and purchased a Flowering Japanese Cherry tree for the Civic Centre grounds in honor of last Sunday's Earth Day celebrations. Mayor Russ Miller (centre) ceremoniously shovelled the last mound of dirt during Monday's

dedication. Surrounding him are councillors, left to right, Norm Elliott, Pat McCarthy, Pam Johnston, Rick Bonnette, Rob Heaton, Anne Currie, Al Cook, Gerald Rennie, Alf Spence, Marilyn Serjeantson and Joe Hewitt. *STUART JOHNSTON Halton Hills Week End*

We're moving!

The *Georgetown Independent/Acton Free Press* is on the move.

No, we're not leaving town, just changing locations.

In an effort to relocate all departments under one roof this paper is in the process of taking up a new residence at 211 Armstrong Ave. in Georgetown (next to the Georgetown Racquet Club). The Acton office at Halton Hills Furniture and Appliances will remain.

The new phone number is 873-0301.

Over the next week departments will be slowly transferring to the new location from the Main St. offices. We apologize for any inconvenience that may occur during that time.

We'll be all settled in at the new location by April 30.

Out-of-control grass fire

A small grass fire began Tuesday evening at a Seventh Conc. home after the occupant burned

straw and brush, according to the fire department. The fire grew out of control and spread to the grass, but no damage was reported.

Suspicious fire

Halton Regional Police are investigating a "suspicious" fire at the former Delta Crafts building on River Dr. in Georgetown. Tuesday afternoon's fire is "suspicious in nature," according to the fire department. Paper products and strips of rubber were ignited inside the abandoned building, but no damage was reported.

Rubbish fire

A small bonfire got out of hand Saturday afternoon at a home on the Eighth Line near 22 Sdrd. The owner lit the fire, which spread to his barn. Although no damage estimate was given, the owner will be tearing the structure down, according to the fire department. He was advised to obtain a burning permit before attempting to light another fire.

Grass fire

A backfiring tractor is to blame for a grass fire last Thursday afternoon at a 10th Conc. farm. The fire spread from the grass to a shed, ignited a small wood pile.

Residents urged to use caution when burning

The Halton Hills Fire Department is urging all residents to use extreme caution and obtain a permit before attempting to burn anything outdoors.

"We are appealing to the public to use extreme caution when burning outdoors, and we advise them to obtain a burning permit from the fire department before any open burning is done," Fire Chief Bill Cunningham says.

He adds that a representative from the fire department will first visit the site in order to determine its suitability for burning.

"We will advise the applicant whether or not it is safe to burn

there, and we will also make the necessary recommendations on how to burn safely," Cunningham says.

There is no charge to obtain a burning permit, he adds. However, under the Ontario Fire Code, a person can be subject to a fine up to \$2,000 if a permit is not obtained before burning outdoors.

"If the weather conditions pose a serious problem for outdoor burning, such as it being too dry, then we may be in a position to revoke the permits from a fire safety point of view," Cunningham says.

Over the past couple of weeks the fire department has been called out to several grass fires. Although most haven't caused serious amounts of damage, except where barns or other structures have become involved, the time factor puts a strain on the fire department.

"We have in the past experienced serious structural fires as a result of grass fires," Cunningham says. "Damage to buildings such as barns, or even fences, can be costly from these fires. It is also tough on our resources when we get two or three of these calls at the same time."

YMCA fitness

The YMCA of Georgetown has openings available for their **Adult Fitness courses** Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The is also room in the Children's Playschool Wednesday and Friday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information call 877-6163.

Police Beat

Break and enter

A 15-year-old Acton youth has been charged with break, enter and theft in connection with an incident at the Acton Arena on April 13. Police say the building was broken into early in the morning, and a quantity of pop and chips were removed from the concession stand. The youth was arrested Wednesday.

Scratched trunk

Approximately \$500 damage was done to a vehicle parked at a Mountainview Rd. condominium in Georgetown sometime overnight Tuesday. Police say the trunk of the car was scratched with an unknown tool.

Forced entry

A home located on the Townline south of 15 Sdrd. was broken into sometime Tuesday morning, police report. A quantity of items were removed from the house, including a tool box containing a variable speed drill, circular saw, vibrating belt sander, craftsman rotor, grinder, reciprocal saw, impact gun and extension cords. Other stolen items include a Toshiba microwave oven, television, and various collectable plates. The total value of the items is approximately \$2,700.

Silver stolen

Approximately \$13,000 worth of raw silver, weighing 50 to 60 pounds, was stolen from Varian Canada in Georgetown sometime between April 12-21. Police say the silver was stored in a 45-gallon drum, which was left in the electroplating room at the plant. It was scheduled to be picked up for processing by another company, according to a police report. The investigation is continuing.

Home ransacked

An RR4 Acton home was broken into sometime during the day Tuesday. Police say entry was gained through the back door. Once inside the culprit(s) went through the home and dumped the contents of drawers and scattered papers around. A quantity of beer and liquor was removed from the home, as well as a 20-inch color television, remote converter, a wallet with identification and credit cards and assorted items of jewelry. Police are still investigating.



Jack TANNERS

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Sunday, April 29th

Try our Create Your Own Omelette Station
and our New
Waffle Station!

11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Proceeds To The Acton Unit

Reservations Recommended: 853-3440