

# Sandy Booth named Georgetown's Citizen of the Year

By STEVE LeBLANC  
Staff writer

With over 10 years of hard work and dedication in the Halton Hills community to his credit, Sandy Booth has been named as the 1992 Georgetown Citizen of the Year.

Booth was officially recognized as the 21st recipient of this award Wednesday morning by Georgetown Lions Club Selection Committee chairman Mark Rush.

"We are very pleased that Mr. Booth is this year's choice for the award," said Rush. "He has a wide range of dedication and involvement in the community."

A longtime member of both the North Halton District Scouting and the Georgetown

Optimist Club, Booth said he was very surprised to hear he had been named this year's winner of the award. He got the call from Rush early Wednesday morning from his room at Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital (where he is recovering from a bypass operation).

"I was really shocked when I got the call. I never expected anything like this," explained the soft spoken 79-year-old Booth.

There's some irony behind Booth winning the Citizen of the Year Award. He had moved to Georgetown 11 years ago to



SANDY BOOTH

retire and ended up working extremely hard for hundreds of people in the community.

Booth first came to Georgetown with wife Phyllis in May 1981 from Montreal, where he had worked as a radio engineer for 42 years. He was born and raised in Calgary, Alberta.

Booth had previously had a long history with scouting in Montreal and continued his involvement as soon as he moved to town, joining the North Halton District Scouting and eventually serving as district commissioner for four years.

He has been involved with scouting at both the district and provincial level and has organized many jamborees trips for local scouts.

He currently acts as public relations director with the local scouts and publishes a monthly newsletter for the group.

A year after moving to Georgetown, Booth joined the local Optimist Club, an organization that has allowed him to help and support hundreds of Halton Hills youths as well.

He has served as the Georgetown Optimist Club president twice and is a lifetime member of the club. Through his involvement with the Optimists, Booth has organized a number of programs and events.

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### User pay upheld

Council upheld a recommendation passed in last weeks committee meeting that the user pay system of garbage disposal for rural residents be supported by the town. Councillor Bill Robson said he was appalled by the fact that rural residents were notified about the discontinuation of free garbage drop off at the container station beginning in January just a week before. Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson agreed the job of informing the public was done incorrectly.

### Supports resolution

Councillors supported a resolution suggested by Barbara Halsall of POWER (Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources), regarding the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC).

Halsall recommended that council not support a tax increase to cover the cost of the delegation of development controls from the NEC to the Region. Council also supported Halsall's recommendation that before the region decides to take over the NEC's responsibilities it consult its Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee (EEAC).

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## Happy Valentine's Day



Wayne Hepburn and Kerry McCashew are the lucky couple in the Independent/Free Press Valentine's Contest, and are spending Valentine's Day on the town, compliments of a number of sponsors. Kerry is a lifelong resident of Georgetown and Wayne grew up in Erin area. Kerry and Wayne are engaged to be married in the summer of 1994.  
TED BROWN Independent/Free Press

## \$1-million grant for watermain extension

By LISA TALLYN  
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After a lengthy wait, Glen Williams residents may finally have town water by the end of the year.

Halton North MPP Noel Duignan announced Thursday a Ministry of the Environment and Energy grant of \$1.035 million to be used for a watermain extension to the hamlet of Glen Williams.

Rick Robertshaw, director of engineering services for Halton Region, says if the project gets underway this spring Glen Williams residents should have town water by the end of 1993.

"We put in a formal application for a grant (for the Glen watermain extension) five years ago," said Robertshaw. He adds the plans for the watermain are already in place, and the next step will be putting the project out for tender.

Glen Williams residents who live south of Preston's Store (Main and Confederation streets) already have municipal water. The new watermain will service residents who live north and east of there.

Robertshaw says that when the watermain is being installed Glen residents will have to put up with the inconvenience of torn up roads however.

Mayor Russ Miller says town water in the Glen has been badly needed. "I'm delighted (the project will go ahead)," said the mayor. "It has been a long time coming. The water is really needed."

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