

Calling all Georgetown residents— new 905 area code begins Monday

Beginning Monday, Halton Hills residents with 416 area codes, and others living outside of Metropolitan Toronto, will have a brand new area code.

The code will be 905. The area code split was required by Bell due to the swelling Golden Horseshoe population and an increase in the number of cellular telephones, fax machines and computer modems, numbers in the 416 area code are running out.

The other area codes, including 519 will remain unchanged. Other communities making the switch to the new code include Oakville, Burlington, Milton, Brampton and

Mississauga. The new code will circle Metropolitan Toronto and span to Niagara on the Lake, North York and Cobourg.

The new area code will not affect calling charges.

"Calls which you can make today without incurring long distance charges will remain toll-free after the changeover," said Jim Rivett, project manager with Bell Canada.

The new area code will not mean a big change for Halton Hills residents.

Acton residents will still be able to make local calls to Georgetown by dialing seven digits. Halton Hills residents will still be able to call Acton without dialing the area

code.

After the switch instead of dialing 1-416 and the number when calling Oakville or Mississauga, Georgetown and Acton residents will have to dial 1-905 and the number. To call Toronto, Halton Hills residents will dial 1-416 and the number, as they have in the past.

Bell will allow a four month grace period to give people a chance to get used to the new code. Callers who continue to use the old code when dialing will be connected until March 25, 1994. After that date misdialled calls will reach a recording instructing callers dial using the correct area code.



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All candidates meeting

Candidates vying for election as the Halton-Peel representative in Ottawa had a chance to have their say at an all candidates meeting at Sacre Coeur Hall in Georgetown on Thursday evening, courtesy of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce. For complete details of the event, see page 5.

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Which day is Halloween?

Halton Hills council is expecting a report back from town staff next week dealing with the fact Halloween falls on a Sunday this year. Since kids have school the next day council is considering designating Saturday Halloween in Halton Hills. Town staff are to investigate what the town did seven years ago when Halloween last fell on a Sunday.

Flu shots

The influenza vaccine for the 1993-1994 influenza season has arrived. This year's vaccine will prevent or lessen the seriousness of influenza caused by Beijing, Texas and Panama strains of the influenza virus. Flu vaccine is provided free of charge to people over 65 years of age. It is also free to people of any age with serious heart, lung or kidney disease, diabetes or cancer. Individuals wanting to receive the influenza vaccine should contact their doctor. For more information call the Health Department at 825-6060 and ask for the Communicable Diseases Program.

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Porcelain and paint

Carol-Ann Michaelson of Glen Williams displays her porcelain wall piece which received honorable mention at the opening of the Here and Now '93 art exhibition, Wednesday night in the gallery of the Halton Hills Cultural

Centre. The exhibition, sponsored by Re:Vision unlimited arts, a Georgetown art association, features 57 pieces of several different media, and is on display until Oct. 30.
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