Georgetown community park could be ready in 1995

By LISA TALLYN Staff writer

The first phase of a multi-faceted community park in Georgetown south could be ready by the summer of 1995.

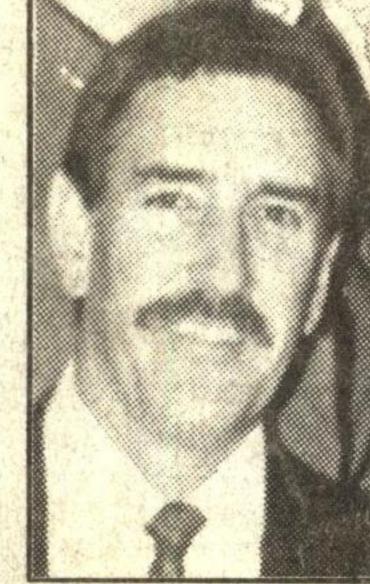
Bryan Shynal, superintendent of parks for the Town of Halton Hills, said grading works are being done at the park site now and about \$200,000 has been put into the 1994 capital budget to cover the cost of constructing two playing fields, hardball and rugby/football fields, in the park. The 1994 budget has yet to be approved by council.

The park, which will be located off of Main St. and south of Argyll

Rd., as currently planned will encompass about 32 acres. The overall cost of developing the park and its facilities is estimated at \$66,000 an acre, or about \$2.1 million.

Tom Shepard, director of Recreation and Parks for the town, said the park, which will be 95 per cent funded through development charges, will be developed in line with the progress of development in Georgetown south. The other 5 per cent of costs will come from the tax

Shepard it is not certain when the park will be completed, but said it could hopefully be done a year after the last house goes up in . Georgetown south.



TOM SHEPARD **BRYAN SHYNAL**

The current plan of the park includes one regulation size hardball field, two softball fields, a soccer field, and combination football/rugby field. There are also plans for an outdoor natural ice

rink, a playground, three tennis courts, and multi-purpose hard surface play court, and a picnic area.

Indoor facilities could include an arena, indoor pool and community centre.

Shynal said those plans are not written in stone.

"The needs of the community will be looked at. We will always leave the door open for the needs of the day," said Shynal.

will be designed for any level of play, from adult down.

"The infields will be as high and dry as possible, the fields will drain properly," said Shynal.

Shynal added the new fields

planned for the park will not "alleviate the existing shortage of playing fields in the community," because as the community grows that need will also grow.

"The park will include an extensive pathway system connecting to all sites, and there will be lots of

green space." "There will be a green edge around the building(s). We want to ensure that people on foot or riding According to Shynal all the fields bikes don't have to fight vehicular

traffic," said Shynal. One edge of the park will be buffeted by the 16 Mile Creek channelization which will include about 39 acres of green open space, pathways and trees.

Mayor sponsors blood clinic December 29

In recognition of the critical need for blood during the holiday season, Mayor Miller and members of Council decided in 1992 to cancel the New Year's Levee and redirected these funds in order to sponsor a blood donor clinic instead.

Due to the success of this worthwhile venture, the Second Annual Mayor's Blood Donor Clinic will be held Wednesday, December 29, 2-7 p.m. at the Sacre-Coeur Parish Hall.

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Five arrested

Five men were arrested by Halton Regional Police in connection with incidents at Neilson's Dairy in Georgetown Monday.

Police followed up information received from Neilson's with a two and a half week investigation which included video surveillance and culminated in the arrests, Det. Sgt. Keith Woudstra said. He said police think milk was taken from the company in Georgetown, transported to a grocery store in Streetsville and sold to the pub-

On Monday eight police officers arrested and charged five people in connection with the incidents.

A 53-year-old Guelph resident has been charged with theft over \$1,000, possession of stolen property over \$1,000 and conspiracy to commit a crime. A 54-year-old Scarborough resident faces the same charges. Police said the Guelph resident employed a 39year-old Guelph resident to deliver the milk to a store. This man was charged with the same crimes.

Two owners of an independent grocery store in Streetsville were also charged. A 43-year-old Mississauga resident was charged with possession of stolen property, while a 41-year-old Gormley, Ontario resident was charged with this as well as conspiracy to commit a crime.

Police prepared

Stores in Halton which open illegally on Boxing Day will be charged under the Retail Business Holiday Act.

The Minister of the Soldcitor General has advised the Halton Regional Police Service to enforce the act, said Sgt. Kirk Lampman.

The fine for a first offence is \$500 and the maximum penalty has been increased to \$50,000 or the gross sales for the day.

Holiday deadlines

Due to the holiday season, this newspaper will be operating under different deadlines. If you wish to place a clas-

sifed ad, retail ad or editorial copy in the newspaper, your last possible chance is:

Sunday, January 2 issue: 3 p.m. Wednesday, December 29 classfied); 4 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 29 (for editorial); 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29 (for retail).

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It's a wrap



It's all over except for the cleaning up. Chris Galbraith, 4, of Limehouse was surrounded by the mountain of wrapping paper everyone endures following Christmas Day.

The only thing left to look forward to now is the Boxing Day sales and January bills. TED BROWN Independent/Free Press

Provincial grant

Halton blue box program gets boost

Noel Duignan, MPP Halton North, announced last week a payment of \$148,693 to the regional municipality of Halton for its Blue Box program.

The payment is part of a total grant of \$1,521,400.

The funding, announced on behalf of Environment and Energy Minister Bud Wildman, is made

available under the Municipal Recycling Support Program.

"I am pleased to announce this grant to Halton," Duignan said. further promote 3Rs activities in this area. Today, more than three million households in Ontario use the Blue Box to recycle materials that once went directly to landfill

The municipality will use the funds to help pay for the cost of processing and getting the materials "This project has the potential to ready for market that were ccollected through its Blue Box program.

The Municipal Recycling Support Program helps municipalities develop and operate local recycling initia-

Alarming rise in RIDE statistics

Halfway through the Halton problem," said Sgt. Chapman. "It is Regional Police annual RIDE blitz 12 more impaired driving charges have been laid compared to the same time last year.

But officers have stopped 3,131 more cars in spot checks this year than last.

Since the RIDE program began driving. I don't see the high-alcohol at the beginning of December, 8,421 ve been stopped, 17 peobeen charged with ing and 35 12-hour susbeen issued. Last me only 5,290 vehicles five impaired charges were land and four 12-hour suspensions were handed out.

Sgt. Tom Chapman, who heads the Halton Regional Traffic Unit, said drinking and driving is a yearround problem.

"We are seeing it as a steady

a problem all regions are facing, not just Halton."

Peel Region is also reporting an increase in impaired driving charges over last year with more vehicles stopped in 1993. "People are still drinking and

content of beer as the problem, but the socio-economic climate may be a cause," said Sgt. Chapman. Sgt. Chapman said the average

impaired driver is male, aged between 25 and 35. "They are at the age where they

feel they are infallible. They have some money, and don't think they'll get caught." Sgt. Chapman says the efforts

aimed at young drivers to discourage drinking and driving have been successful.

Taxing time for newspaper industry

By STUART JOHNSTON

Special to The Independent/Free Press Newspapers and other industries may soon be hit with yet another levy if the provincial government

follows through with its plans for a new "green" tax.

According to The Newspaper Publishers of Ontario, the provincial government is seriously considering hitting newspapers with a two-cents per copy "green" tax, beginning in 1995. Other producers of recycled goods, such as soft drink containers,

will be hit in a similar fashion.

However, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Environment and Energy (MOEE) denied that the government is considering such a tax, and dismissed suggestions that newspapers will be charged higher levies than its producers already pay towards the blue box program.

"I'm surprised that he said that," said Christine Luyck, director of environmental affairs for the company, Environmental Directions, which is working on behalf of publishers. "Everyone knows about (it)...It certainly is a very real possibility that the government could implement (the tax) or perhaps a smaller levy...The government is looking for mega-millions of dol-

The MOEE hopes to use this new levy to entirely fund its blue box recycling program, estimated to cost between \$80 to \$100 million annually.

That's a slap in the face to the newspaper industry, its members charge, considering daily and community newspapers across the province have voluntarily paid \$3.50 per tonne of newsprint produced since 1990. It is anticipated that the newspaper industry alone will have voluntarily contributed more than \$10 million to the blue box program

"This is all being done very qui-

etly by the government, but it is like they are penalizing success," says Independent/Free Press publisher Ken Nugent. "It's trying to legislate higher contributions from us, and that's not fair to say the least... We recycle, we encourage our readers to recycle, which in turn avoids the product going into the landfills or pickup by the garbage trucks. All of which saves the taxpayers money."

Luyck pointed out that the new levy is but one of many recommendations in a report entitled, Who Pays for Blue?, written by the Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy (CIELAP), and commissioned by the MOEE.

The report, completed in September, points our that newspapers constitute about 2.5 per cent by weight of materials in the blue box. See GREEN TAX, page



Special hours

Most stores in Halton Hills will be closed Sunday and will reopen Monday, Dec. 27.

Georgetown Marketplace will be open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. the rest of the week, but will close at 6 p.m. New Year's Eve.

The olde Hide House in Acton will open December 26 through until Dec. 30 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., but on Dec. 31 it will close at 6

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