

GRAPEVINE

TALENT BASH

Inspire Halton is presenting their third annual Talent Bash and Open Mic Night in support of the Georgetown Hospital Foundation. The talent night will feature local youth talent that will be performing at the Acton Town Hall Centre. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., show starts at 7. Refreshment will be sold during the event. Tickets will be available at the door or you can email events@inspire-halton.ca or message the Inspire Halton Facebook page for tickets in advance.

KITTEN RESCUE

The North Halton Kitten Rescue is having its Third Annual Yard Sale on Saturday July 11th from 7 a.m. to noon at the Limehouse Memorial Hall in Limehouse. From 11 a.m. to noon it's a box for a Toonie. All profits will benefit the kittens and their moms.

DROP-IN PROGRAM AT THE LIBRARY

Families with young children are invited to join Halton Hills Public Library staff for storytime. We'll keep the preschool crowd entertained with stories, music and lots of fun. Family Storytime, Acton Branch: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., July 8-August 26 and Saturdays at 11a.m., July 11 - August 29. For more information, visit www.hhpl.on.ca or call 519-853-0301.

VISIT RONALD MCDONALD

Come into the Acton McDonald's Restaurant at 374 Queen Street, East on Saturday, July 4 to celebrate with Ronald. Join in on playing games and answer riddles, to help Ronald solve a mystery.

S.T.E.A.M. TEAM

Fun activities like Lego Robotics with science, technology, engineering, art and math themes. For 8-13 year olds. Register in person or by phone one week before each session. Acton: Thursdays, July 9 - August 27 at 2 p.m.

HELP DESIGN NEW PLAYGROUND

The Town is planning to replace the Prospect Park Playground this fall after the Fair. Please help design your community playground. To provide your input please comment on the proposed playground online by July 12, 2015 by visiting www.surveymonkey.com/r/prospectpark. Contact Landscape Architect Mark Taylor for more information 905-873-2601 ext2267 or email marktaylor@haltonhills.ca

CRAFTERNOONS

Kids can drop-in to the Acton library and make a fun craft on Wednesdays, beginning July 8 from 2 - 4 p.m. For all ages, but kids under 6 must be assisted by an adult. A different craft each week.

YOGA IN THE PARK

Staying Alive Fitness is once again hosting the Yoga in the Park evenings every Thursday in Prospect Park starting at 7 p.m. beginning July 9 and running through to August 13. This is free to attend and everyone is welcome. Donations of canned food for small monetary donations to the Acton Food Bank will be greatly appreciated.

NEW OWNER

Kimberly Cholette is the new owner of Ditto's Boutique on Mill Street in Acton. The store reopens July 2. All previous active consignors had until June 20 to pick up items, most of which was then donated to either a women's shelter or overseas in containers.

TORCH RUN

On June 23, the PanAm Torch made its way through parts of Halton Region. Acton was represented by Grade 12 student Emily Secord in a stretch on Bronte Road South in Milton. Emily was one of 3,000 citizens across Ontario who were selected to carry the torch either through appointment or an online process. Torch bearers on this day included Olympians Milton's Travis Gerrits (Free-style) and Steve Bauer (cycling).



Emily Secord



HEAVY METAL: Students of Acton Ju-Jitsu show of their trophies after recently participating in the Annual Open Tournament in Hamilton. - Submitted photo

LETTERS



Successful campaign

To the Editor:

Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills (CASHh) is thrilled to announce that over \$104,000 (and counting) was raised during our annual April "Give Where You Live" campaign.

Our sincere thanks to all

who donated, canvassed and walked during our campaign. We are always humbled by the generosity of our community of Halton Hills and sincerely thank each of you for your support.

Please remember that all of the funds raised for CASHh re-

main in Halton Hills to support our residents who are living with a cancer diagnosis.

We wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

Marilyn Inglis
Campaign Coordinator
Cancer Assistance Services of
Halton Hills

The debate starts here

In early June, nearly 2,000 fellow Mayors and municipal leaders met from all across Canada, from small municipalities to Canada's largest cities, and made a united call for a federal leaders' debate on the issues Canadians face in their day-to-day lives. Issues like how to create jobs, make housing more affordable, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and keep our communities safe. These issues are not just local issues, they are national issues.

They are national because they are common to cities and communities from coast to coast to coast. And they are national because the measure of a strong Canada lies in the strength of our hometowns.

That is why I am joining voices with other mayors and municipal leaders from across the country to call on the federal party leaders to hold a debate on how we can work better together as levels of government on common goals.

It is easy to see why the Federal Government needs to work with Municipalities and debate Municipal issues. Municipalities receive 8 cents of the tax

dollar and own over 60 per cent of all the roads, bridges, water and waste water infrastructure in the Country. We need the Federal Government to partner with our communities to fund transit to reduce gridlock, work on affordable housing, community safety and infrastructure that will ultimately improve our quality of life.

We want to live and raise our families in vibrant and healthy communities. We care about our economy prospering and jobs being created. We believe everyone deserves to have a roof over their head. We want to protect our environment and believe that clean water should not be a challenge for any community in a country like ours. We value the safety of our neighbourhoods. And we know that, as a country, we can be leaders on the international stage and that we all benefit from connecting globally. These are goals that transcend jurisdiction and partisan differences and warrant debate on how we can achieve them.

This fall's federal election will be hard fought. I would like to hear the federal party leaders

share their vision for cities and communities. How, if Prime Minister, their government would partner with municipalities to create jobs and drive growth? Or address local, national and international challenges like increasing trade and investment and climate change? How will they work with us to make Halton Hills and all of Halton Region more livable, safer and greener?

Some of the party leaders have already agreed to a debate but we need to highlight why this is needed. Visit <http://hometownproud.fcm.ca/> and sign the petition. We need to be asking the candidates of all the parties where they stand on municipal issues.

Today's communities are tomorrow's Canada. The debate starts here; where our potential as a country lives, works, plays and dreams.

Regards
Councillor Clark Somerville
Halton Hills Regional
Councillor
1st Vice President of the
Federation of Canadian
Municipalities