



AWARD RECIPIENTS: Kayala St-Pierre and Tahiria Kraemer received awards from the Knox Artists Assistance Fund during a presentation held June 14. - Submitted photo

The Youth Scrip Taxi Program is growing

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The Town of Halton Hills' Youth Scrip Taxi Service is growing steadily, according to Activan Coordinator, Deanna Hoffman.

The pilot program, which launched on May first, reached 100 registered users toward the end of its second month; 98 registrants were youth and the two others were youth centred organizations, Links to Care and Bridging the Gap.

The Youth Taxi Scrip Program allows registered youth between the ages of 13 to 19 to receive a 50 per cent discount on taxi fare from participating

taxi companies. (McKab Taxi, EZ Taxi and G Town Taxi) Registered youth can purchase coupon books valued at \$20 for \$10 from the Georgetown and Acton libraries and The Gellert Community Centre.

There has not been a huge amount of interest from Acton youth so far. 86 per cent of the youth registered are from Georgetown, and 51 per cent from Ward 4 (Georgetown South.) Hoffman attributes these numbers to a larger number of younger residents in that area who have kids.

Hoffman also believes that there is currently more youth registered than using the service,

especially through the summer months when the weather is warmer and people are more likely to walk. Hoffman expects use to increase in the later months when the weather turns colder.

Promotion for the program is ongoing. Ads had been placed in schools toward the end of the year, as well as promotion through Links to Care and a youth dance at The Gellert Centre. However, Hoffman stated that word of mouth is still their best mode of advertising.

To register or to learn more about the program visit the website, haltonhills.ca/transit/youthTaxiScrip.php

POLICE REPORT

Charges laid in historical fire

Halton Regional Police has recently concluded a lengthy fire investigation into a residential log home fire that demolished a historical landmark home on Main Street in the Town of Campbellville just before midnight on April 29, 2014.

The historical log home was unique in that it contained a family owned

flower shop business as well as a bed and breakfast for overnight guests. On the night of the fire that destroyed the home 5 occupants were inside the building and managed to escape.

Combined investigative efforts of the Ontario Fire Marshal Office in conjunction with the Arson Investigation Team of the Halton Regional Police have now charged:

The owner, a 72 year old man, from Oakville with: Arson and Arson, Disregard for Human Life (x4)

Vehicle break-ins

Police are once again reminding residents to lock their vehicles at all times. Overnight on June 25, another unlocked vehicle this time on Church Street had a backpack stolen from it. A bracelet valued at \$80 was taken.



Ruth Burns: "I agree with the by-election, because of the length of term remaining. Acton needs the representation. It needs voices to keep up with Milton and Georgetown."



"Halton Hills Town Council voted to hold a by-election to fill the council seat of the late Mike O'Leary. How would you have liked his office to be filled, with a by-election or by appointment?"



Pam Murray: "The by-election. I think with an election people get to have their voice, where as by appointment it's whoever the council chooses."



Betty Newman, Sydney and Syerra Woodcock: "I think by appointment. The seat should be filled sooner than by holding a by-election."



Craig Langan: "By-election. If you look at our senate, you know why by appointment doesn't work."