

# COMMENT

*The way we were*



*Has anybody seen the bridge?*

Spanning Silver Creek, the old Wildwood Bridge in the hamlet of the same name is shown in this undated winter photo, likely from the early 1900s. Demolished in the 1980s when the approach to Main St. in Georgetown was altered and re-engineered, the new, more modern bridge that replaced it is now barely noticeable in the valley.

*Text courtesy of Heritage Halton Hills/Photo courtesy of Esquesing Historical Society*

*From our readers*



## SPRING IS IN THE AIR

Judy Adam took this photo on Sunday, one of the coldest days of the year from her back window looking onto a nearby conservation area. There were more than 100 cedar-waxwings resting in a maple tree after enjoying some berries off a nearby bush. Note the Robin in the picture an encouraging sign that spring is just around the corner.

*Have a photo you want to share?  
Email with details to  
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## Town receives Smart Commute Gold Workplace designation

Halton Hills residents have been opening up their hearts and wallets to sponsor Syrian refugee families. To help support their efforts and raise funds for these families, I will be hosting a free public skate on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 3-4:20 p.m. at the Acton Arena on the new Ice Pad B. Monetary donations will be gratefully accepted to help these families make Halton Hills their home.

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For the third consecutive year, the Town of Halton Hills has received the Smart Commute Gold Workplace designation from Metrolinx and Smart Commute Halton.



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Smart Commute is a transportation demand management program that focuses on reducing traffic congestion, improving air quality, providing more sustainable travel options and reducing commuting costs.

The Gold Workplace designation recognizes the Town as an outstanding workplace that demonstrates innovation, focuses on measuring successes and achieves significant positive outcomes when promoting alternate modes of transportation, other than single vehicle occupancy.

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As a leader in sustainability, in 2014, Town of Halton Hills Council put in place a flexible and innovative set of Green Development Standards.

The Standards are designed to maximize the many positive attri-

butes that emanate from development while minimizing its potentially negative impacts.

This is being accomplished by improving energy and water efficiency, waste management, resource use and community design of new development.

To date, over 400 residential units and about 120,000-square-metres of non-residential development are in the process of implementing the Green Development Standards and sustainable development features.

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Recently I attended the annual fire department recognition night. It was very interesting to hear that they responded to 942 calls last year.

These calls consisted of 71 fires, 253 fire alarm activations, 101 carbon monoxide alarms, 130 motor vehicle collisions and rescues, 100 medical public assists and 63 hazardous material incidents. It was an honour and pleasure to welcome our 13 new firefighters and congratulate the recipients of long service recognition. We should all be proud of our fire department who work 24 hours a day, seven days a week to keep us safe.

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Congratulations to: The Nook - A Play Café, recent grand opening in Georgetown.

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