

COMMENT

The Way We Were



Built in 1863, Bennett House Hotel catered to the needs of visitors travelling to Georgetown for a half century. Located at 78 Main St. S., it featured 28 well furnished and comfortable bedrooms, a dining room, three spacious sample rooms for the use of commercial men, with a large bar room connected to the hotel. At the time of this 1913 photo, rates were \$1.50 per day, incredible by today's standards. The Cellar Restaurant now operates from this location at the corner of Main and Mill.

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From our readers



PIANO MAN

Amateur Georgetown photographer Rein Pater sent in this photo of a mouse enjoying summer corn on the cob on the deck.

Got a photo you want to share? Email cuernon@metroland.com with details.

Seniors may qualify for property tax deferral help

On July 1, 2016, the City of Burlington, Town of Halton Hills, Town of Milton and Town of Oakville will begin accepting applications for Halton Region's Older Adults Property Tax Deferral Program. Serving residents throughout the community, this new program offers extra financial support for older adult homeowners with low incomes to promote healthy aging.

The program is designed to enhance the quality of life for participants by helping them stay in their own homes and communities.

It will be offered by each City or Town to older adult homeowners with low incomes in their community. The program allows participants to defer the full value of their annual property taxes, interest free, helping them manage the rising cost of living.

This will make home ownership more affordable and help participants focus their limited financial resources on their day-to-day needs.

If you are eligible, just one application form submitted to your Local Municipality is all it takes to join.

The deferral establishes an interest-free loan that you can repay at any time, and to stay in the program, you simply need

to submit a renewal form each year. We worked with the Local Municipalities to keep the program straightforward and supportive, allowing its participants to focus on their busy lives and families.

Your home is an important part of your wellbeing and keeps you close to the people you care about as well as services you require. We know that residents want to stay in their homes and communities, and this new program will help make that possible.



GARY CARR

Halton Region is responsive to the changing health needs and overall

well-being of residents, and we developed this program to as part of our commitment to support good health at every age and stage of life.

I want to thank the Local Councils and Municipalities for partnering with us on this initiative. By supporting older adults to stay healthy and independent in our region, we help keep Halton a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire.

To learn more about the Older Adults Property Tax Deferral Program or download the application form, please visit halton.ca/taxdeferral.

Gary Carr is the chair of Halton Region

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