

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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## WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

**The Georgetown Horticultural Society:** presents A Walk in the Garden, which begins with a bus trip and a guided tour of the Toronto Botanical Gardens. Bring a lunch. The trip moves to the Bowmanville area and then Brooklin for a viewing of private gardens. Cost for members is \$70 and \$79 for non-members. For more info or to book tickets, call Jo Maclean at 905-877-2509 or email [jmaclean@nerosoft.com](mailto:jmaclean@nerosoft.com)

**Georgetown Yarn Sip N Stitch:** Every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. we have a drop in social. This is open to yarn crafters of all skill levels. Bring your current project and come for a fun afternoon of stitching and socializing. Always free. 170 Guelph St.

**Acoustic Jam:** at the Shepherd's Crook on Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Players, singers of all levels welcome. Laughing Yoga: 10 a.m. with Mary Haggarty at Hillview Active Living Centre, 318 Guelph St., Georgetown. Please sign-up!

**Blind Draw Double Darts:** at the Georgetown Legion, Branch 120. Every Wednesday until Aug. 31. \$5 a person. Registration starts at 7 p.m. and the game begins at 7:30 p.m. Beginners welcome. Info: Sue 905-455-8104.

## THURSDAY, JULY 21

**Optimist Club Bingo:** every Thursday. Grand Prize \$250. Starts at 7 p.m.; doors open 6:30 p.m. The club is located on Hwy. 7 between Georgetown and Acton, just west of 22 Sideroad.

**English Conversation Circle:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Hillview Active Living Centre, #9-318 Guelph St., Georgetown. For Syrian refugees to practice english, meet new friends, learn about programs and services and find volunteer opportunities. For more information, please contact Shinobu Yajima at (905) 842-2486 ext. 241 or email [syajima@hmcconnections.com](mailto:syajima@hmcconnections.com).

**Euchre:** 7:30 p.m. at the Ballinacraigh Community Centre. Cost is \$3 per person. Coffee and tea will be served. Everyone welcome.

**Acton Farmers Market:** 3-7 p.m. on Thursdays until the second week of October. Come for the freshness, stay for the fun! Enjoy home grown produce, meats, baked goods, crafts and lots more! Info: [downtownacton.ca](http://downtownacton.ca)

**PickleBall:** 7-9 p.m. at Emmerson Park, Carruthers Rd., Georgetown. Come and learn the game of PickleBall, Florida's most popular sport. Will run for the summer months of June, July and August. For more information, please contact Mitch at 905-703-4340 or email [mitch3m77@hotmail.com](mailto:mitch3m77@hotmail.com)

**Small Business Help:** Halton Region Small Business Centre will be at Halton Hills Public Library, Georgetown Branch on Thursdays, July 7, 21, August 4 & 18. Get help with writing a business plan, learn about the steps to start and grow a business, and programs for youth entrepreneurship. Call 1-866-4HALTON to make your appointment. Georgetown Branch, 9 Church St.

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**Q:** My husband and I have recently gone through a bitter divorce. Our boys are both teens. I think they are hurting but my ex says I am imagining it and coddling them. Can teen boys be impacted by divorce and if so, how can I help my boys?

**A:** Sometimes people think that if they wait to separate until the kids are teens, they will be old enough and too busy with their own lives to be affected. It is also a common belief that boys don't care about such things. Both of these statements are untrue.

Boys may express their emotions differently than girls but they feel divorce just as significantly as do girls. Teenage boys often try to keep up the tough guy image and just seem silent and angry. How the parents carry themselves during the divorce makes a huge difference in how much of a negative impact divorce has on any child, but the impact on boys does often seem to be different than the impact on girls.

Animosities between the ex-spouses will impact children differently than a cooperative separation. The level of animosity will often depend on the reason for the divorce. If, for example, one spouse cheated on the other and that led to the breakup, children will often align with the betrayed parent and be angry with the other. Boys, however, are more likely to assume the role of partner or protector to that parent. Boys side with the hurt parent and want to ease that parent's pain. Boys often feel divided loyalties and feel they are betraying one when visiting the other. If obligated to socialize with the new partner he will feel disloyal and torn and often presents as angry and disrespectful. Keeping the secret of the relationship from the scorned parent leaves the boy silent.

Teenaged boys may act tough but are still just children who do not fully understand what may make a relationship succeed or fail. Lying to them to hide the truth or to make one parent look better just shuts them down so that they cannot speak about their own pain.

How to help? Bring your boys to a neutral party who understands teens as well as the impacts of divorce. Provide your son with a safe place to vent and cry and express his sadness and fears. Do not think that your sons will not talk even if they are quiet boys. I often get told that the boy is here under duress and will not talk yet the moment the door closes behind the parent, they share and express and use their time wisely knowing that I will maintain their confidentiality within all limits.

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**Q:** How do I recognize a survey marker or monument?

**A:** Landowners should be aware of the location and appearance of survey markers or monuments on their property. When submitting an offer of purchase, a potential landowner should insist on obtaining an up-to-date survey prepared by an Ontario Land Surveyor to be certain of the property's boundaries. A new survey also ensures that old monuments are identified and any missing monuments are set.

Survey markers or monuments can vary in material and size. Standard iron bars, pipes, cross-cuts in concrete, old cut stones, and now plastic spikes are used to mark boundaries. Iron bars are usually engraved with a number that identifies the surveyor who planted the bar. Knowing exactly where the boundaries are located is important for both safety and economic reasons as important infrastructure like buried cables, gas lines, fences, and buildings are often built close to the limits.

Survey markers are meant to provide lasting physical evidence of a boundary shared by adjacent properties. Because they are so essential, survey markers are protected by law. It is illegal to remove, deface, or disturb any official boundary marker, including monuments removed by construction activities, so it's important for all landowners to identify and protect them.