

# EDITORIAL

with Frances Niblock

## Simple precautions can save lives

*"It's very rare when there is a working smoke alarm that the incident isn't caught in time to prevent an injury or fire damage – we're most at risk when we're asleep and you need that alarm to give you time to escape."*

Halton Hills Fire Department Deputy-Chief Harry Olivieri makes surviving a fire sound simple, and, it really is. An inexpensive smoke/fire alarm is key to surviving a fire.

October 9 -15 is Fire Prevention Week – an opportunity to focus on fire safety. The Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs said that 70 per cent of Canadians questioned feel protected from fires. Yet, approximately 40 per cent don't have a fire escape plan in place, and 75 per cent have not practised a home fire drill in the past year.

On average, fire kills eight people each week in Canada, with 73 per cent of people dying in home fires – deaths which might have been avoided if an alarm had provided more time. Staggering statistics, but numbers that can be easily reduced by having a working smoke/fire alarm and an escape plan.



**CREEK CLEANUP:** Cigarette lighters, aerosol spray cans, bottles, cans and a pump handle were just some of the garbage and debris pulled out of Black Creek recently as approximately 100 Junior students from Robert Little School cleaned up the creek as part of the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup. – Submitted photo



**FLAMING INFERNO:** The aftermath of this raging fire, sparked by a marijuana grow op in an illegal basement apartment in Georgetown, was fuelled by improper construction, no fire separations and under-rated fire doors. In response, the Fire Department initiated a Home Safe Home free fire safety inspection pilot program which will run for Fire Prevention Week from October 9 to 15. – Submitted photo

## Letters

# Spotlight on Acton

Dear Editor,

This past month, the Town of Acton has had a great deal of wonderful publicity outside of the borders of Halton Hills, thanks to the visit of Lord and Lady Acton.

This has all taken place, due mostly to the ideas and energy that Tracey Tyler of Heritage Acton has exhibited and

passed along to so many other Actonians. Tracey has initiated the Absolutely Acton Speakers Series at the Town Hall Centre, and with Lord and Lady Acton's tour, kicked off this series to be continued in October and next February. The Acton Fair, the Acton Library, some of the Acton schools, the Halton Agricultural Advisory Tour

and Heritage Acton, have all benefited from Lord and Lady Acton's visit.

On behalf of the community, thanks again to Tracey and her committee for an exciting month of September to be living in Acton.

*Yours Truly*  
George Henderson,  
Acton, ON

# Cookie Sales feed the Hungry

To the Editor,  
RE: Thanks for the support

The Mission and Outreach Committee at Knox Presbyterian Church wish to thank the Acton Community

and Acton Fall Fair attendees for purchasing cookies on Fall Fair Saturday.

Through your generosity we donated \$131 to FoodShare, the Acton food bank.

Thank you,  
Marion Crumplen  
Mission & Outreach  
Committee  
Knox Presbyterian  
Church



## Looking Back

### Ten Years Ago

- For his compassion and unlimited generosity, Acton pharmacist Gary Barton is presented with a Community Champion Award.
- One of Acton's most avid, generous and knowledgeable gardeners, Max MacSween was honoured by his peers with a provincial horticultural award.
- Acton's Cathy Trudelle, broke the gender barrier and was named Acton's first female firefighter.

### Five Years Ago

- Acton's Jerry Ockenden threw his hat into the ring to run for the Acton seat on the Halton District School Board, and Acton's Brent Marshall, Halton's CAO, filed papers to run as Halton chair.
- Although Halton's planned multi-million upgrades to Acton's water plant are years away, limited development could occur in Acton within the year.
- Hundreds of Acton students raised \$1,741 for cancer research at Terry Fox Runs in various locations.

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