

Son has no malice for driver who ran over his mother

Family and friends of Acton's Donna Marie Teal will celebrate her life at a gathering tomorrow (Friday) at the Acton Legion from 3 to 7 p.m. The 61-year-old Teal was struck and dragged to her death on Saturday by a car in front of the Mohawk Race Track and OLG Slots in Milton.

Halton police have not released any names, but Teal's only child, Rob Teal of Acton, confirmed his divorced mother was killed after being struck

by a 2003 Kia Sorento, driven by a 77-year-old Oakville woman, in the front entrance roundabout at Mohawk.

Teal believes the accident was preventable and a combination of a number of factors, that the driver was unaware of. "Possibly, the age of the person, and (her) being at an event that is busy, and the time of day and the sun being in her eyes, obviously, because she hit my mother and then continued and dragged her under the

car - she didn't know what she'd done," Teal said on Monday.

Police believe his mother was heading into the casino when she was hit at approximately 5:30 p.m. The driver had spent the past five or six hours in the casino, and was driving to the front to pick up her husband. The distraught driver, who was not injured, was taken to hospital. "She didn't even know what she'd done, she couldn't understand what had happened," Teal said, adding police told him that because the accident was on private property, the Highway Traffic Act does not apply, and charges may not be laid.

While Teal said he has no malice for the woman who killed his mother. "Well, I mean, obviously (she) shouldn't have been behind the wheel of a vehicle, but that's just my opinion (of) old people in general," he said.

Teal said his mother was a "frequent" visitor

to the casino, and that "she won some and lost some." He said she beat cancer in the past two years, and continued to work as the assistant-cook and housekeeper at Upper Canada College's Norval outdoor retreat.

While there were no eyewitnesses and security cameras did not show the actual impact, and there were some witnesses right after the impact, but no one has contacted police.

Anyone with information about the fatality is asked to call Detective Constable Kevin Rye at 905-878-5511, ext. 5065.



Donna Teal

Connect with community groups

The Halton Hills Cooperative Program Planning Committee will host a Community Open House on Saturday, October 15, at the Georgetown Marketplace Mall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 60 organizations serving the community will be on hand to showcase their services, and share opportunities and infor-

mation on how to get more involved or benefit from their services. Volunteer, try a new sport, enjoy the arts and learn more about the many services available to you.

The theme for the evening this year is "Passion, Action, Impact" - find your passion, take action, and make a lasting impact. To help you find your passion, staff from the Employment Resource Centre in Acton will be on hand throughout the day in Centre Court providing free information on job searching and quick advice on fine tuning on your resume.

Mayor Rick Bonnette encourages all citizens to consider attending as "this event provides a tremendous opportunity for all members of the community to learn about the many non-profit organizations, sport and recreation groups, social service agencies, and service groups that have so much to offer Halton Hills."

For more information and to see a list of participating organizations visit www.haltonhills.ca/community/openhouse.php or contact Leanne Sedentopf, at 905-873-2601 ext. 2273, volunteer@haltonhills.ca for more information.

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