## Halton Crime Stoppers hosting Shred event this weekend

Halton Crime Stoppers needs your help to keep our communities safe and secure.

Not only does the organization require the eyes and ears of everyone watching out for each other, but you must make sure your own private and personal information doesn t fall into the hands of criminals.

In an effort to protect area residents from becoming victims of identity theft and other fraud, Halton Crime Stoppers will host a Community Shred Event through our semiannual Feed the Beast fundraising campaign.

The event runs locally on Sunday (Oct. 16) at The Real Canadian Superstore, 171 Guelph St., Georgetown. Both the Region of Halton and The Real Canadian Superstore are graciously donating the space on their property for the events.

On both days the event runs from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The cost for the events are \$5 per grocery bag, \$10 per bankers boxes and \$15 per larger bags and/or boxes. When you arrive look for the distinctive FileBank Canada truck with the large beast on the side which will be ready to gobble up your person documents so no one else can get them.

Autumn is traditionally a clean-up time

when people get rid of clutter around the house, but Det. Paul Proteau, coordinator of Halton's Crime Stoppers program, warns against throwing invoices, bank statements, old tax records or credit cards receipts in trash cans for local pick-up.

Criminals routinely steal garbage left outside homes to obtain information that can be used to defraud people through various scams, including identify theft, he said.

Proteau explained victims of these crimes are forced to spend considerable amounts of money and countless amounts of time straightening out the problems that these criminals cause. It is truly a nightmare for victims of identity theft, he said.

Through the years, Halton Crime Stoppers has set up Community Shred Events in partnership with FileBank Canada.

Last year we destroyed hundreds of pounds of personal documents, that s a lot of paper that didn t find its way to a landfill said Proteau. We also raised \$00000, so the Community Shred Event greatly assisted the efforts of Halton Crime Stoppers to help maintain the region as one of the safest place in the country for our residents.

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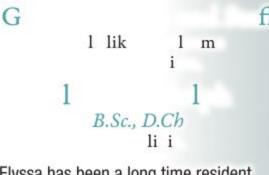


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