

# MAYOR'S CORNER

By: Rick Bonnette



Please join me on Sunday March 19 from 2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. for a free Family public skate at Mold-Masters SportsPlex on the Fernbrook Homes ice pad. \*\*\*\*

Thank you to everyone who participated in with the Mayor's Big Brother, Big Sister bowling tournament. With your help, we raised over \$13,000. The big winners are our little brothers and sisters in our community. \*\*\*\*

On Monday, January 16 the Town of Halton Hills held its inaugural Green Development Leadership Awards Celebration. The Green Development Leadership Awards were established to recognize and celebrate developments that comply with or exceed the minimum point requirements of the Town's Green Development Standards.

The Green Development Standards, which

came into force in June of 2014, are a highly flexible set of point-based criteria that materialize in more sustainable, high-performance and efficient development – benefiting the development/building industry as well as building owners/occupants. The Town's Standards are designed to maximize the positive attributes while minimizing potentially negative impacts of development.

"The Green Development Standards are an important tool which Halton Hills uses to incorporate sustainability in our new residential, commercial and industrial developments and enhance quality of life," said Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette. "The Green Development Leadership Awards enable us to recognize leading developers who build to the higher standard desired by the Town".

**Award of Achievement:**

- Meadows in the Glen by Intracorp Projects
- River Rock Ridge by Remington Homes
- The Chateaus by Fernbrook Homes

**Award of Excellence:**

- The Enclaves of Upper Canada by Menkes Developments
- The Toronto Premium Outlet storm water management facility by SmartREIT and Simon Properties
- Georgetown Sterling by Country Homes

Recently I viewed all the amateur and professional photographs at the Cultural Centre participating in the 2017 'Photo Art' competition. This event promotes 'excellence in the art of photography' within Halton Hills and is on display until April 2. Well done to all! \*\*\*\*

Did you know that as of March 1 all swimming passes now

include recreational skating? If you purchase a recreational swimming pass you'll receive free admission to skating. \*\*\*\*

Congratulations to the Georgetown Lions Club Citizen(s) of the Year, Dave and Dale Cox. The annual award recognizes the contributions of volunteers to our community. \*\*\*\*

Congratulations to Sheila Campbell, Hockey Heritage's 2017 winner \*\*\*\*

Congratulations to: Elevated Health and Wellness on their recent grand opening in Georgetown. \*\*\*\*

Keeping it real. I can be reached at 905-873-2601, ext. 2342 or by email at mayor@halton-hills.ca or read my blog at www.rickbonnette.blogspot.com. You can also follow me on twitter at: @RickBonnette1

# POLICE REPORT

**Father and son facing charges in senseless assault**

At 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8 Police responded to a College Street residence in Georgetown after reports of several persons fighting on the property.

Police attended and found two youths and a 68 year old female suffering minor injuries. Police later learned that a number of persons had attended the residence and a physical fight ensued.

The investigation revealed that a 68 year old female heard a knock on the front door and opened the door to two males. They asked for the youth that resided at the residence. The youth and his friend were summoned up from the basement. The two youths came up from the basement and went outside to speak with the two males. An older male appeared at that time and the parties began to assault the youths from the residence. The 68 year old female attempted to inter-

vene and was knocked to the ground on two separate occasions. Police later discovered that the older man was actually the father of the youth.

Detective Sergeant Dave Costantini of the One District Criminal Investigation Bureau stated that the youth were familiar with each other. "The two young men were involved in a verbal altercation earlier that morning at an open youth center in Georgetown. Incredibly, one of the young men enlisted the assistance of his father, and they decided to seek out the other youth at his residence. Clearly not a wise decision."

Investigators tracked down the father and son later that afternoon and arrested them without incident. The 45 year old father was charged with three counts of assault. His teen aged son was charged with two counts of assault. Both accused parties are from Acton and were released on Promise to Appear.

## Halton Hills' Mayor Rick Bonnette launches Canada 150 library cards

Halton Hills Public Library today announced the launch of its new, special-edition sustainable library cards in celebration of Canada 150. Halton Hills' Mayor Rick Bonnette was on hand at the Georgetown Branch to receive his personal Canada 150 card today and planned to begin using it soon. But first, he bent low to say hello to a very little girl in a bunny coat.



"It's always great to visit our beautiful library and to see so many families enjoying the facilities here. It's even more special to celebrate a new initiative encouraging our community to actively take part in Canada 150," said the Mayor. "Library cards are used every day here in Halton Hills, and this beautiful design will serve as a special reminder of this significant year in Canadian history."

The sustainable wooden library cards recently received the Minister's

Award for Innovation from The Honourable Eleanor McMahon, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

Now available in three distinct designs, the wooden cards are made from Nordic Birch harvested from sustainably managed forests and are 100 per cent PVC free.

Geoff Cannon, Director, Library Services, could not be more pleased at the community response.

"Our community has demonstrated their clear commitment to a

greener Halton Hills by embracing the sustainable cards," said Cannon. "To date, over 500 cards are in circulation, and by introducing this celebratory design, we welcome more citizens to experience everything the library has to offer during this very special year".

Cannon thanked Mayor Bonnette for his enthusiasm, and both men shared a warm laugh comparing their Canadian-themed ties as they welcomed patrons coming into the library.



## 2017 Energy Grant for Eligible Veterans

The Royal Canadian Legion Br. 197 Acton is offering eligible Veterans and their dependents a one time energy grant to help offset the cost of home heating for 2017. To be eligible you must be a Veteran or a dependent of a Veteran and either a member of Br. 197 or a citizen of Acton, ON.

To apply for your energy grant please provide Br. 197 Acton with the following information:

- Veteran Service Number
- Proof of Residence
- Copy of existing Energy Charge
- Copy of GIS Entitlement or other Government Assistance
- Married or Single (If married, two GIS forms must be presented)

Please enclose all information in an envelope and mail to or drop off at:

**Attn: Service Officer Bob MacKinnon  
Royal Canadian Legion Br. 197 Acton  
15 Wright Ave  
Acton On  
L7J 2T7**

*All enquiries are held in the strictest of confidence*

**Deadline for Energy Grant 2017 applications April 13, 2017**