

May 29, 2017 at 6:30pm. 1 Halton Hills Dr., Council Chambers

This notice is to advise you that **Georgetown Rib Fest** have applied to the Town of Halton Hills for a 3-year exemption to the Noise By-law 2010-0030 Part 2, Schedule A for **August 18, 19, 20** from **Friday (4PM-11PM), Saturday (11AM-11PM), Sunday (11AM-7PM)** for a **Rib Fest with expected attendance of 3,500/Day**. As per requirements under Section 5.2.9.1 this notice is being sent to all property owners within 60 metres of the event.

Georgetown Rib Fest - 1 Park Ave, Georgetown, ON, L7G 3H9



Const. Jeff Sandifer pulled over a speeder traveling 29 km/h over the limit on Ninth Line south of Georgetown Thursday afternoon.

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## Reporter rides along for Road Safety Week

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You get a lot of the trumped-up so-called emergencies, said Const. Sandifer, a Georgetown native, who previously worked with the Peel Regional Police until returning home to work in 2009.

Hospital-related excuses are popular, or blaming their (spouse) for not picking up the children from school or wherever. People we catch will say they weren't talking on their phone, just holding it. This has been the law for nine years now and you honestly thought that was still OK?

There's a flip side to that proverbial enforcement coin.

Const. Sandifer said that many drivers are aware of the penalties for using a hand-held device and are holding phones in their laps in an attempt to avoid detection when they see his marked cruiser.

Although those offenders might get away with it on occasion, the odds aren't in their favour.

Statistics recently released by the U.S.-based National Highway Traffic Safety Administration state that distracted drivers are 23 per cent more likely to be involved in a collision and that 10 per cent of fatal crashes are caused by distracted driving.

Const. Sandifer said he tries to avoid using his mobile work station (or computer) while on patrol except for emergency calls, even though as a police officer he's permitted to do so. As for using a cell-

phone while driving, he said he never does, because he's certain it would quickly attract the negative attention of other drivers if he was to do so.

In a negative sense, the law has actually made it worse because now drivers are looking down to type into their phones and are even more so taking their attention off the road, he said.

That's how people get hurt. You should ask yourself before you pick up the phone whether it's something that really can't wait until you pulled off the road or got to where you were going.

As Const. Sandifer was driving along Guelph St. on the hottest day of 2017 so far, he noticed an oncoming vehicle whose driver appeared to be consuming beer from a large can of Molson Canadian.

In the subsequent traffic stop, a 12-pack of Old Vienna lay on the passenger's seat of the pickup truck. The suspect, who was returning back to a job site with refreshments for his co-workers, claimed that he was chugging soda pop.

The crushed empty Tall Boy in the back seat indicated otherwise and the burly man was asked to take a breathalyzer test.

The reading registered a .01 blood-alcohol count, which is well below the three-day-suspension range of .05.

Still, the thirsty tradesman will have to pay a \$215 fine for having open liquor within his reach.



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