

# Halton Hills' journey on becoming most patriotic town in Canada

**KATHRYN BOYLE**  
kboyle@thelfp.ca

With over 50,000 flags hanging in windows, gardens and off balconies, Halton Hills has unofficially become Canada's most patriotic town.

Last fall, the chamber of Halton Hills tourism committee sat down and decided they wanted to do something special for Canada 150, and make it something in which everyone in Halton Hills could participate. A subcommittee was formed, and one idea hit the table and became the group's focus for the next six months: hang as many Canada flags as possible.

"That's something we don't do enough of," Halton Hills councillor and subcommittee co-chair Ann Lawlor said. "We don't wave the flag enough in Canada, and we're proud of our country, and we're proud of our town."

The committee then had an important task: how do they persuade people to hang the flags?

"We thought, what about a target?" Lawlor said. The committee looked at records and at the current reigning most patriotic town, the city of Thorold, located in Niagara, whose record is 10,000 flags within their city of



Photo from haltonhillscanada150.com

**By July 1, the exact number of flags flying proudly in Halton Hills in time for Canada Day was 57,073.**

18,000, or 1.4 flags per household, and created a challenge: to beat them.

"The idea of flying Canadian flags and demonstrating pride is something that suits Halton Hills," Lawlor said.

"It would put us on the map, if we could claim this title," committee chair Cheryl Cardon said. "The whole purpose was to unite the community in a common demonstration of Canadian patriotism."

The challenge also aligns perfectly with the message of the challenge, Lawlor said.

"One of our tag lines is 'small town living at its best,'" she said. "That theme and the sentiments that are characterized in that theme, really lend themselves to this whole notion of showing our patriotism and flying the Canadian flag."

● See COMMITTEE, page 17

**Specials from July 7<sup>th</sup> - July 20<sup>th</sup>**

Go to our website & sign up to receive our store specials by email: [www.macmillans.ca](http://www.macmillans.ca)

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK. M-F 9am-7pm Sat. 10am-6pm Sun 10am-5pm Like us on Facebook!

**\*\*NEW\*\***  
6oz Pure Beef Burgers  
Raised without Hormones & Antibiotics!  
\$10.99 (reg. \$14.99)

**10" Lemon Meringue Pie**  
\$5.99! (reg. \$7.99)

**Canadian Beer Battered Haddock Fillets**  
Net 1lb (2.3 fillets) \$7.99! (reg. \$10.99)

**Beer Battered Onion Rings**  
2.5lbs \$5.99! (reg. \$11.99)

**SENIORS 10% OFF EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
(REG. PRICED MERCHANDISE, CASH & DEBIT ONLY)

**NOW 2 locations to serve you!**

Guelph Rockwood  
Hwy 7 Acton

**Acton**  
HWY. 7, 1 MILE WEST OF ACTON  
519.853.0311 1(800) 387.4039

Guelph Wellington St. W. Hwy. 124  
Hanton Expy. Hwy. 6

**715 WELLINGTON ST. W., GUELPH**  
519.265.5592

JULY 6 - 16

# FREE\*

## JEWELLERY ITEM

Up to \$75 value

With your \$125 PANDORA purchase

# PANDORA®

**BRILLIANT GOLD**

Georgetown Market Place  
905.873.6662

\*Free PANDORA jewellery item (up to \$75 value). Select styles only. See store associate for qualifying jewellery items. Purchase of \$125 or more must be before taxes to qualify. Valid only at participating retailers. Items from the select styles may be combined to reach \$75 value in free jewellery. Upgrades allowed on selected styles. Free item selected in final sale, no returns. While supplies last, selection may vary by store. In store only. Excludes gift card purchases. Not valid with prior purchases. Other restrictions may apply.

© 2017 Pandora Jewelry, LLC • All rights reserved

## AUTOPRO

HASSELL AUTOMOTIVE  
SALES & SERVICE

**45 Mountainview Road North, Georgetown, Ontario**  
**905.877.7958**  
e-mail: [hassellsauto@bellnet.ca](mailto:hassellsauto@bellnet.ca) • [www.hassellautomotive.com](http://www.hassellautomotive.com)

- Auto/8 cyl
- Certified • A/C
- Trailer Hitch
- Power Door Locks
- Fog Lights
- Cruise Control

**\$18,500**  
+ HST/LIC

- Auto/6 cyl
- Certified • A/C
- Push Button Start
- SiriusXM Radio
- Heated/Leather Seats
- Cruise Control

**\$17,900**  
+ HST/LIC

- Auto/6 cyl
- Certified • A/C
- GPS Navigation
- Bluetooth
- Rearview Camera
- Cruise Control

**\$15,400**  
+ HST/LIC

- Auto/6 cyl
- Certified • A/C
- Heated/Leather Seats
- DVD / Entertainment
- Sunroof/Moonroof
- Cruise Control

**\$11,800**  
+ HST/LIC

CALL