

Townhouse complex proposed for Church Street East location

By: Harry Rudolfs

An application has been filed on behalf of D & M Developers for a zoning amendment to the former Blue Springs Funeral Home property located at 12 Church St. East.

The zoning amendment, if granted, will allow the construction of a three-storey, 12 townhouse complex situated on a private laneway. According to Halton Hills' Economic Development Officer Doug Penrice, the builder involved in the project is Exquisite Developers Inc., a company with experience with infill projects.

"As part of the zoning application a site plan was

submitted to ensure that the development has adequate parking, landscaping etc., all part of the normal development requirements," Penrice wrote via email. "The developer is very excited to move forward as he believes the Acton market is very desirable for purchasers. This will be good for the downtown as well as it will bring new customers to the area."

The site was originally developed by Jack McKenzie, one of Acton's early settlers, and served as a lumber yard for the community for many decades. Most recently, the former funeral home has been used as a dance studio.



'Something Different'

By: Alex Hilson

The Acton Town Hall Players put on their "And Now for Something Different" Community Talent Show at the Acton Town Hall Centre on Friday. All proceeds went towards supporting the Acton Town Hall Centre.

Kevin Hazzard, who recently was awarded the Ralph Ussel Award for Volunteerism by the Halton Hills Cultural Round Table, was one of the show's organizers.

"The purpose of the talent night was to showcase the talents of both our group and members of the community," said Hazzard. "Things went extremely well as we had a wide variety of arts performed. These included music, dance, and visual arts. I was pleased with the enthusiasm of all our participants. Despite the fact that we tempted fate by staging this event on Friday the 13th, it all went off without a hitch."

The Acton Town Hall Players organize various events, including plays, murder mysteries, and variety shows where they



Darren Gendron

perform and invite the community to take part.

Hazzard is a strong believer in the importance of supporting the arts in Acton. "The arts are important to any community as they help to define it culturally and bring like-minded individuals together and allow them to connect on many levels. The arts transcend cultural and political divisions and is a universal language that adds form to a community's function."

Performers in the show included Brynn Swenarchuk, the Acton High School Improv Group, Heather Mascarin, Dave Quinn, the band "Evensong", Fr. Hetu and Darren Gendron. Spencer Pestell ran lights and sound.

Every second counts: Plan two ways out

By: Alex Hilson

International Fire Prevention Week was recognized in Halton Hills between October 8 and 14. This year's theme was "Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out!"

"Fire and smoke move faster than you. There's no time to figure out how to escape your home after a fire starts. Practice an escape plan before there's a fire so you can get out safely," said Halton Hills Fire Department Chief John deHooge.

Fire Prevention Week is an initiative of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). "Every year they have a new theme. This year they're looking at making sure you have your smoke alarms in place but, when they go off, making sure you know what to do. That means having two ways out of every room in your house and making sure you have a home escape plan," said Mark Burger, Acting Captain Public Education for the Halton

Hills Fire Department.

"Within your home escape plan, you need to discuss the direction you're going for your escape routes once you are safely exited from the building. You need to have a family meeting place so that everyone is aware who is out and then you need to call 911."

According to the Office of the Fire Marshal in Ontario, homes today burn up to eight times faster than 50 years ago, you may have less than 60 seconds to escape a fire in your home, and there was no smoke alarm warning in one out of every three fatal home fires.

Reminding residents of the big picture, Halton Hills Councillor Bryan Lewis said, "Fall is a time when families in Halton Hills come together. When people are particularly busy with the details of the season, having a solid fire escape plan is not just important: it's critical. We want to see everyone safe, happy and whole during a time reserved for joy."

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