

HILLSVIEW REPORT

By: Julie Conroy

At the fund-raising meeting on Tuesday, November 7 the Christmas Fair was discussed. It will be on Saturday, November 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We have some new ideas for the Fair including gift baskets ready to take to your favourite person, child, or animal. We will be selling the delicious Shriners twin packs of Christmas cakes—one fruit and one with marzipan—plus cherry cakes, shortbread cookies, and *new* this year is baskets of assorted nuts—they are already for sale at the reception desk. Of course, we will still have the delicious lunch, penny table, gift basket, bake table, country store, jewellery, toys, puzzles and lots of books. Where else can you get a book—paperback and hardcover—for 50 cents. Any items or squares, etc. being used for the tea should be here by Friday afternoon. We will be happy to receive baking for the bake table

on Friday or early Saturday morning.

Feeling artistic? The sign-up sheet is up for the next horticulture class on Tuesday, November 21. You will be learning how to make a plain pillar candle into a work of art by adding pressed flowers. Also on November 21 is the annual Christmas Tree Decorating from 11:30 a.m. Following lunch, you can sit back and enjoy listening to Librarian Douglas Davey read Christmas stories.

Still thinking about Christmas, we will be having a float in the Santa Claus Parade. If you would like to walk or be involved, there is a sign-up sheet at the reception desk.

Just remember to look at the program sheets at the reception desk.

On Tuesday morning Irvin Rehel added another leaf to our memory tree in memory of his wife Velma Rehel. It is a wonderful tribute to a loved one, a special

occasion, or just because you would like to support the Centre. We now have 249 leaves on our wall, and they look very showy, especially at this time of the year when the trees outside are changing colour.

Roberta Thompson had the only mooner on November 9 while playing Bid Euchre.

Friday lunch on November 24 will be salad and pizza plus dessert, followed by Bingo.

It was a great shock to everyone at both Hillsview Centres to hear that Joe Sartor passed away suddenly on Friday. He was a very energetic person, and he and Myra donated a great deal of their time and energy to both Centres. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Myra and their family.

Lorraine Davis will have a little more money to spend for Christmas as she won the weekly 50/50 draw this Friday. She won \$123.

Coordinated review of land use in Halton region

By: Vivien Fleisher

The Province of Ontario initiated a massive review of land use in the Greater Golden Horseshoe in early 2015. A document to guide Halton region was produced shortly after via the Halton Area Planning Partnership—HAPP—for five municipalities. Steve Burke presented council with an update on things, including changes to the plan. The growth plan is where the most change had occurred.

The province has extended the planning horizon for the GTA to 2041, with Halton's population projected to be one million by then. Key targets have changed, like intensification, which has increased from 40 per cent to 60 per cent, and given that Oakville and Burlington are the focus, the town supported the target since the phase-in will allow time to build the necessary infrastructure. Density targets also increased from 50 residents/jobs per hectare to 80 by 2041. This excludes employment areas. But since Acton is known as a town or village in the

greenbelt plan surrounded by protected countryside, different policies apply.

During questions, Councillor Kentner was direct in asking Burke if "we're losing control of our ability to plan?" Burke acknowledged the province had taken it another step, making the province "more prescriptive in their expectations" and that there is clearly thought that the upper tiers would do more of the planning at the local level.

Councillor Somerville wondered how expansion of the Acton urban area fit with the greenbelt plan, given there wasn't to be any net loss in lands in the greenbelt. Burke explained they've tried to harmonize the urban expansion policies between the growth plan and the greenbelt plan. Somerville asked when they could take advantage of that policy. Burke referred back to the intensification study and growth manuals developed by the region.

Councillor Johnson no doubt echoed the sentiments of many when she observed the massive amount of infor-

mation in the report, asking of Burke if the floodgates had now opened, giving them less control at the local level. Her main concern was height density, and how it creeps up. "The official plan doesn't seem to matter" was

her view in light of ever-increasing heights. But Planning and Sustainability Commissioner Linhart admitted that freezing the urban boundary did imply

greater density through height. Councillor Fogal conceded that intensi-

fication is here to stay, despite deep tensions in its wake.

MAYOR'S CORNER

By: Rick Bonnette



Santa is going to be very busy this weekend in Halton Hills as he'll be in two parades. The Acton parade starts at 1 p.m. and the Georgetown parade starts at 5 p.m. See you all there! Bundle up!

Congratulations to everyone who participated in this year's Halton Hills Bike Challenge, and a big thank you to Jane Fogal for organizing this event. The challenge finished on October 2, achieving and surpassing the goal of 416,000 km. Over 2,170 participants logged the necessary kilometers to cross Canada. As a result of this achievement, \$45,000 will be donated to the Georgetown Hospital Foundation. Thank you to everyone who participated in this worthy cause.

It's that time of year again, old man winter is coming and with that comes overnight winter parking restrictions which are now in effect; parking is prohibited between 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. November 15 to April 15.

During a business day with inclement weather, decisions for daytime recreational programs will

be made by 8:45 a.m. and evenings programs by 2 p.m. To find out if your program is cancelled due to inclement weather:

- Call the Town at 905-873-2601 ext. 2708 or 2275
- Look for information posted on www.haltonhills.ca
- Twitter @ haltonhills

At this time of year, there are a lot of people in need. There are a lot of great organizations that can help; please consider giving your time or spare change to:

- The United Way
- Salvation Army (Georgetown/Acton)
- Local food banks (Georgetown/Acton)

There will be two Public Information Centre's on the Town's Trucking Strategy:

- Tuesday, November 28 at the Acton Arena in the Community Room starting at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 29 at Mold Masters in the lobby starting at 6 p.m.

Congratulations to the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce 2017 Business Achievement Awards:

Community Excellence Award (Business) – Generations Physiotherapy Centre, Ola Jiskra

Community Excellence Award (Not for Profit) – Georgetown Bread Basket, Lori Brading

Environmental Excellence Award – Superior Glove Works, Tony Geng
New Business of the Year – Soac Media, Sue Walker

Employee of the Year – Glen MacDonald, Georgetown Chevrolet Buick GMC

Small Business of the Year – Hungry Hollow Smokehouse & Grille, Michael & Laura Parsons

Large Business of the Year – Intlvac Inc., Dino Deligiannis

Congratulations to: Vinyland, grand opening, Acton

Studio 2 Yoga and Wellness, one year anniversary, Georgetown

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