

MAYOR'S CORNER

By: Rick Bonnette



Happy New Year
In early December, I was honoured to be invited to Chicago by Mayor Rahm Emanuel to the Global Covenant of Mayors Climate Change Summit. All in all, there were 51 mayors representing 10 countries, five continents and 61 million people.

The mayors of Vancouver, Montreal and I represented Canada. You may ask yourself why Halton Hills? You may not be aware of this, but we are leaders in Sustainability and have been widely recognized for our practices.

The mayors and the audience were thrilled to hear an inspirational speech from former U.S. President Barack Obama.

I also spent some time with Mayor Anne Hidalgo from Paris, France. She left me with a comment that I will never forget, "We need to treat climate change with urgency now, as there is no planet B."

I gave a speech and sat on a panel discussion with the Mayor of Honolulu and Mayor of Knoxville. Halton Hills is definitely on the world map.

Winter has officially arrived. Forecasters are saying that it will be a harsher winter than last

year. Our staff will do their very best to ensure that the roads are maintained for our safety. Please be patient, as we have over 950 km of roads, 125 km of sidewalks and 25 municipal parking lots to maintain. The sequence of priority for roads is as follows: Regional (i.e. Hwy. 25, Trafalgar Rd.), arterial (i.e. Guelph St., Queen St. etc.) and collector roads (i.e. Delrex Blvd., Churchill Rd. etc.) followed by local streets.

Do you remember four years ago at this time? Many of us did not have power; our streets looked like a warzone with fallen trees, branches and hydro lines. Let's hope that this year we don't have another ice storm. Being prepared for an emergency is essential. A family emergency survival kit is simple and should be prepared ahead of time. Make sure your family knows where the survival kit is kept. Stock these six basics in your home: water, food, first aid supplies, tools and supplies such as, clothing, bedding and special items. Have your cell phone charged and cash on hand.

Please visit our website for more information on how you can prepare. www.haltonhills.ca/fire/pdf/

emergPrepareGuide2007.pdf

My annual State of the Town address to the business community hosted by the Chamber of Commerce can be found on our website: haltonhills.ca/mayor/pdf/Mayor%20State%20of%20the%20Town%20Address%202017.pdf

For all of those hockey fans, there is a special game on Sunday, January 14. The NHL Alumni will be facing off against the Halton Hills Firefighters at Mold-Masters SportsPlex at 1 p.m. All proceeds will go to C.A.S.h.h. in Halton Hills. C.A.S.h.h. does wonderful work for the residents and families in our community who are battling cancer.

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas, and I wish you all the best for the New Year!

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

Fatal truck crash on Highway 7

By: Harry Rudolfs

A single vehicle crash and fatality Tuesday morning on Hwy. 7 west of Acton closed the highway for several hours. Apparently, a straight truck travelling eastbound on Hwy. 7, east of Crewson's Corners, struck a hydro pole pinning the male

driver in the vehicle.

The scene was attended by the OPP and four vehicles from Halton Hills Fire Department shortly after 6 a.m. According to deputy chief Harry Olivieri, 18 firefighters helped to extricate the individual from the wreckage after which he was pronounced

deceased by paramedics.

The name of the driver had not been released at press time, and the highway remained closed between Crewson's Corners and Dublin Line into the early afternoon. The OPP's collision reconstruction team remained on the scene for most of the day.

Pathways planning information nights

The Halton District School Board is hosting several Pathways Planning Information Evenings in January that will allow parents and grades seven to 12 students to explore program opportunities high schools offer in Halton.

The Board offers more than 80 programs designed to meet individual needs and help students succeed after high school, whether they are pursuing a pathway toward apprenticeship, college, community, university or the workplace. Information nights help students to be better prepared for a rapidly changing world while receiving a relevant and engaging education.

All are welcome to attend and registration is not required. The meetings will be held at the following locations from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.:

- Thursday, January 11: Georgetown District High School, 70 Guelph Street, Georgetown
- Thursday, January 18: Craig Kielburger Sec-


ondary School, 1151 Ferguson Drive, Milton

These programs include the Specialist High Skills Major programs, Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Programs, Specialty School to Career programs, the Employability Skills Certificate program, Dual Credit college programs, Grade Eight to Nine Transition programs, and more.

Agenda for each night:


- 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - Pathways displays staff by Pathways Program teachers
 - 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. - Pathways presentation—Programs and planning for post-secondary
 - 7:15 p.m. to 8 p.m. - Teacher displays and elementary transition to high school workshop
- To learn more, visit www.haltonpathways.ca.

**A Berry Social in Honour of
Fran's 75th Birthday**



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1:00 and 4:00 p.m.
on
Sunday January 7th, 2018

**Acton Legion
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- singers
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- drama act
- visual artists
- dancer

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