

Waste collection changes begin

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now available. The tags can be used until Sept. 7. Starting Sept. 9, garbage tags will cost \$2 per tag and can only be purchased in sheets of five tags (\$10 per sheet).

The tags are available at select retail locations and municipal buildings throughout Halton and online at www.halton.ca/garbagetags.

Residents can use their GreenCart for food scraps and compostable papers like paper towels and hot beverage paper cups.



"Halton residents continue to be among the best in the province when it comes to participating in waste diversion programs like recycling and composting, increasing the residential diversion rate in Halton from 40 per cent in 2007 to 60 per cent, but there

is still more we can do," said Gary Carr, Halton Regional chair.

"The new Blue Box items, continued participation in the GreenCart program, and the decreased garbage limit will keep waste out of the landfill and help conserve this very valuable resource. Extending the life of the landfill four more years will provide a savings of \$15 million for taxpayers."

Complete details about the new garbage limit are available at www.halton.ca/GarbageTags.

Holy Cross student tops in public speaking

Grade 7 Holy Cross student, Meaghan MacDonald was Halton Catholic District School Board's English Public Speaking champ for the Christ the King Family of Schools.

Meaghan spoke about Rosa Parks on March 20.

The school and regional level public speaking competitions develop oratory skills,

self-confidence and are a great experience for students to have a chance to stand up in front of an audience and communicate their ideas.

Oral language is fundamental to thinking and learning in all areas of the curriculum. All students benefit from participation in oral language activities that involve higher-order thinking

skills. Oral language can provide easy access to learning and enable students to make use of a wide range of abilities and skills (excerpt from *A Guide to Effective Literacy Instruction, Ontario Ministry of Education*).

The Board's regional elementary French public speaking competitions will take place Thursday, April 4.



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"BABY BOOMERS" AGING

There will be an increase in "seniors" in Canada between 1997 and 2017 of 36.5 percent. While the boomer generation has benefited from better restorative dental care, there will still be a big need for prosthetic services. It is anticipated that the seniors of 2017 will have 6.6 more natural teeth than today's senior. Even today's senior is demonstrating remarkable differences from previous generations. According to the statistics Canada 1995 census, there are more than 3.6 million seniors in Canada today. 92 percent of them live in their own home and 75 percent of those living at home rate their health as good, very good or excellent.

As a patient demographic, the baby boomer generation is unique. They are better educated, making them more sophisticated, demanding consumers. They will not age "gracefully". A survey of 1200 boomers found some startling results:

- 76 percent were convinced they look younger than actual age
- 73 percent believe 50-year olds from a generation ago, look older than today's 50-year olds
- 77 percent think women worry more about an aging facial appearance than men.

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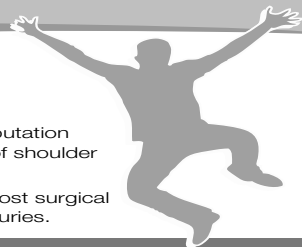
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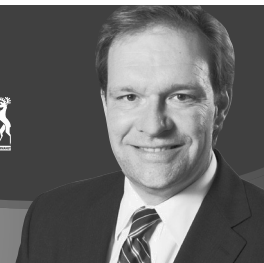
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