



OPINION



Do your part

As of Monday Halton residents are now allowed to add more items to their Blue Boxes (we says boxes because most families need more than one) and must use special tags if they are over the new three-bag/can limit.

To help residents transition to the new limit, complimentary garbage tags are now available. The tags, though, can only be used until the start of September. Beginning Sept. 9, garbage tags will cost \$2 per tag and can only be purchased in sheets of five at a cost of \$10 per sheet (visit www.halton.ca/garbagetags).

For most individuals the new rules will not affect them— perhaps they won't even give it much thought. However, there will be some folks who think because they pay for trash collection in their taxes they can put out as much garbage as they please. These are the same people who stuff public garbage cans with as much trash as possible or, worse, just dump waste along the roadside. There is concern, too, that people who refuse to recycle will leave their garbage outside townhouse complexes or even random homes in the neighbourhood.

It seems unfathomable that there are residents who would resort to such tactics, but unfortunately every community has them. We have our fingers crossed that the majority of local residents will continue to do their part to reduce waste.

To help families get adjusted to the three bag limit every other week, the Region is allowing more items to be added to the Blue Box, including clear plastic clamshells (berry and lettuce containers are an example) single-serve yogurt cups and, in time for spring, plastic plant pots and trays.

In addition to savings for taxpayers and extending the life of the landfill, residents can take heart in knowing these initiatives will benefit the environment and future generations.

WEB POLL RESULTS

(Go to www.theifp.ca)

In its latest budget, the federal government has earmarked billions of dollars to improve municipal infrastructure in Canada. What should those dollars be spent on in Halton Hills?

- Improving roads (58%)
- Building Phase 2 of the Gellert Centre (28%)
- Introducing town-wide public transit (14%)

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Letters to the editor

GreenCart lasted one collection day

Dear editor,

A few weeks ago, the lid of my GreenCart was damaged through a severe 'hit' when it was slammed, upside down and with lid open, onto the sidewalk outside my home by our hard-working and tireless waste disposal collectors.

As the cart lid now wouldn't lock in the closed position, I dutifully headed for the Robert C. Austin Operations Centre on Trafalgar Road in Georgetown to seek a replacement. This newly-acquired virgin cart was lovingly adorned with Letraset-style numbering to indicate its rightful home ownership as it awaited its first collection this past Wednesday.

When they day arrived, I watched out of the window as the contents were discarded into the truck and... the cart slammed into the ground upside down with the

lid open!

Yikes! The lid was snapped and torn off— it lasted all of one collection. If it wasn't so frustratingly funny, I'd be crying!

I thought of disposing of both carts by leaving them at the curb for collection. After a year, knowing my luck, they'd probably still be there.

Graham Willsher, Georgetown

CASHh campaign needs your help

Dear editor,

Cancer is a tough battle to fight— hurting many people along the way.

We know it takes research to put an end to this deadly disease, but above all, it takes courage, hope, faith and love to endure it.

Cancer Assistance Services of Halton Hills (CASHh) is here to help these people and with your continued support, they need not

fight alone.

CASHh is not associated with any cancer organization nor do we receive any government funding for free of charge services. We offer transportation to and from treatments, use of equipment, Reiki, dietary supplements and many other vital services. We depend on the generosity and support of you, our community, to continue. Our mandate is to help those touched by cancer.

You, the community of Halton Hills, have the choice of deciding who should be the recipient of charitable monies, but we hope your generosity includes Cancer Assistance Services. Please, give generously, whether it be volunteering your time or making a monetary donation for a very worthy cause.

Please visit our website www.cancerassistance.org for information, or call our office 905-702-8886.

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