

Hey old Memorial arena, thanks for the good times...

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Georgetown Homecoming Committee

Homecoming 2013 (July 26-28) features a big farewell party to the Memorial Arena (or the Old Arena, as it is often known).

What does the Memorial Arena mean to you? For me, there are several memories that will never vanish, even when the building is long gone.

Sunday afternoon skating: This was the highlight of my week as a young girl. My friends and I carefully polished our skates with fast drying, white liquid polish, then we carefully applied black shoe polish on the edges and heel. The goal was perfection. I'm not sure if there was a Good Housekeeping Award for beautiful

skates, but as we tied the silver bells onto the laces, we hoped that beautiful skates would translate to popularity and skating skills.

Skating Carnival: My parents had this stupid idea that I should be in the annual skating carnival. I was about 5 or 6 and not a particularly good skater. For most, the thrill was getting dressed up in a magnificent costume, creating a big "train" behind your skating lesson classmates, heading out onto the ice which was dazzling with bright spotlights, and then trying to stop when you got out there. For me, it was all about losing my white glove. The theme was *The Wizard of Oz*. I was all set to go out when I discovered my glove was missing. I still remember the trauma of it all... me wail-

ing, the adults trying to convince me to go on without it, me wailing some more, the adults getting really mad and then, me finally going on without it. I never tried skating lessons again and I am sure that all my present day anxieties stem from that moment.

The Snack Bar: Parents always said yes to healthy, safe activities like skating and rollerblading at the Arena. We often got money to buy a treat, or we gathered pop bottles to get refunds at Archie's corner store to spend at the arena. Kindly Mrs. Pries was behind the counter and red liquorice and hot chocolate beckoned. Oh the glory of ordering what you wanted with your OWN money!

Rollerblading on Saturday nights: When the ice was out for the summer, we would rollerblade every Saturday night. There was a live band and we would glide around in circles to the strains of Joe Lett's band wailing out "Loveitis" or "In a Gadda Da Vida Baby" (or whatever the words really were).

Everyone in town went rollerblading and it was the place to see and be seen. It was also REALLY important that you look good. Since my sister worked part-time at Silver's Department Store, she had a great wardrobe. I determined that I should steal her clothes. Each Saturday, I would hide an outfit (matching top, shorts and knee socks) in the milk box, exit the front door, then run around and change in the back yard...just in time to



Phil Hyde roller skating at the Old Arena, with a rock 'n roll band playing in the background. Phil lives in Red Deer, Alberta now and is coming to Homecoming on July 26 to 28.

head off to rollerblading.

I arrived in style, donned my rented boots and raced in circles on the cement surface in time to the music, hoping that someone cute (nice was optional) would walk me home. I usually walked home with my girlfriends Anne, Laurie and Sharon instead, but I looked GOOD right to the bottom of Hewson Crescent.

The Bantam Tournament: Being a 14-year-old girl in Georgetown during the Bantam Tournament was pure bliss. There seemed to be hundreds of boys billeted all over town and they were ALL gorgeous. (Mysterious+ available + athletic= gorgeous!)

The best place to be was upstairs at the Legion, where Jesse Hayes and her crew fed them all. The boys came from exot-

ic places like Drummondville (Quebec...sigh), New Liskeard, Leamington and Belleville. Basically, anywhere but Georgetown sounded exotic to us.

I remember having a week-long romance with a young lad from Belleville. I kid you not, his name was Roger Lamour. He actually liked me back, so we wrote letters back and forth until that fizzled out for both of us.

If you have Arena memories to share, just email lfraser@fraserdirect.ca.

Homecoming registration and payment is now available online at www.haltonhills.ca/ theatre or pick up a form at JV Clothing, Georgetown Library, Acton Library, The Gellert, Silvercreek Café or Hungry Hollow Smokehouse.

TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

TAX DUE DATE

NOTICE TO HALTON HILLS TAXPAYERS

The first instalment of the 2013 Final Tax Bill is due on Wednesday June 26, 2013

PAYMENT OF TAXES WHERE?

- Corporate Services, Civic Centre (8:30 – 4:30 Monday to Friday), or
- Any branch of the Royal Bank located within the Town of Halton Hills (may be subject to a service charge)
- Payments may be left at the Halton Hills Hydro Office (no receipts issued)

AFTER HOURS?

- Royal Bank branches during scheduled hours of service
- Drop Box located next to main entrance of Civic Centre available 24 hours

HOW?

- By CHEQUE or CASH
- POST-DATED cheques are acceptable and will ensure that instalment dates are not missed
- INTERAC – in person at the Civic Centre
- By TELEPHONE or INTERNET: Check with your bank for further information
- PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT PLAN: For details please call Corporate Services at 905-873-2601, ext. 2242

LATE PAYMENTS?

- A late payment charge of 1% per cent per month will be charged on the first day of each calendar month until taxes are paid

FEES?

- Returned cheques (NSF) \$40.00
- Ownership change per property \$30.00
- Past Due Notice \$5.00 (charged automatically to any account with a balance outstanding of \$150 or more)

NO TAX BILL?

- Bills were mailed June 1, 2013. Failure to receive a Tax Bill does not excuse the

Owner from responsibility for payment, nor relieve him/her from liability for late payment charges. Please contact Corporate Services if you did not receive yours

NEW PROPERTIES?

- Newly built properties are likely to have tax bills related to their land value assessment only until full assessment is applied and supplementary taxes are billed. Owners are responsible for taxes billed and should make provisions for the future billing of supplementary taxes

SENIOR'S TAX GRANT?

- To qualify for the Senior's Tax Grant applicants must be 65 years of age, own and occupy property in the Town of Halton Hills for one year and be in receipt of the Guaranteed Income Supplement. Applications are available from the Corporate Services Department and will automatically be mailed to those who qualified last year

QUESTIONS?

- If you have any questions concerning realty property taxes, call Corporate Services at 905-873-2601, ext. 2244 or 2242, write to us at the address below or check our web site at www.haltonhills.ca
- For assessment related questions, please call the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation at 1-866-296-6722 or check their web site at www.mpac.ca

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE DUE TO EVENT

Georgetown Festival on Main

Saturday June 15th, 2013
6:00AM – 2:00PM

Main St. from Park to James

Organized by: Georgetown BIA

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ANNUAL MEETING

Halton Healthcare Services Corporation Annual General Meeting

Thursday, June 20, 2013
5:00 p.m.

Oakville Conference Centre
2515 Wyecroft Road, Oakville

Audited financial statements will be available at the meeting and posted on the HHS website following the AGM.

For further information please contact the Board Liaison at 905-815-5114 or log on to www.haltonhealthcare.com.



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