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Fire department offers home safety inspections

The Halton Hills Fire Department will once again be conducting a voluntary home inspection program beginning this week.

The Home Safe Home Courtesy Fire Safety Inspection Program assists homeowners in making their home safer for their families by reducing the chance of fire and other tragedies. The program will run until October.

Even with all the media, prevention and public education efforts by fire departments in the province, including Halton Hills, there continues to be residential properties where fire safety issues are still present. The issues in the community include inoperable or missing smoke alarms, improper storage or accumulation of combustibles, and improperly constructed two-unit homes.

The program is a door-to-door inspection campaign conducted by firefighters that is completely free and voluntary for the homeowner.

With the owner's permission, firefighters will conduct an inspection of their home using a checklist specifically focusing on items such as smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, heat-



Sparky is asking all residents to take advantage of a fire safety home inspection. The Halton Hills Fire Department will once again be conducting a voluntary home inspection program beginning this week.

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ing equipment, electrical, home escape planning and household hazards.

Firefighters will also leave fire safety literature for the homeowner. Should any issues be identified, firefighters will

use this as an opportunity to educate the homeowner on corrective measures to alleviate the fire safety issue.

If during the inspection smoke alarms are found to be inoperative or require replace-

ment, staff will install new batteries or, if necessary, new battery-operated smoke alarms as per the current Home Safe Home Program. Should there be a more serious fire safety issue or the homeowner would

like a follow-up; fire prevention staff will contact the homeowner.

Chief Marshall adds, "Most of a family's free time is spent in their homes, a place that provides them shelter and where adults and children should feel safe. The Home Safe Home Courtesy Fire Safety Inspection Program will improve fire safety in their home".

This year's program begins with the following streets in Acton: Main St. N., Scene St., Hill St., Danville Ave., Dairy Dr., Wallace St., Doctor Moore Ct., John Goy Sr. Trail, Acton Blvd., Lasby Lane, Division St., McDonald Blvd., Mason Blvd., Spruce Blvd., and Norman Avenue. In Georgetown, the streets include; Cotswold Ct., Calvert Dr., Sinclair Ave., Gower Rd., Raylawn Cr., Duncan Dr., Moultriey Cr., Pennington Cr., Lewis St., Greystone Cr., Delrex Blvd., Hawks Place, Metcalfe Ct., and Weber Dr.

Any residents who don't live on one of the scheduled inspection streets and wants an inspection, or if someone wants an inspection sooner rather than waiting is asked to call the fire department at 905-877-1133 to arrange a visit.



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