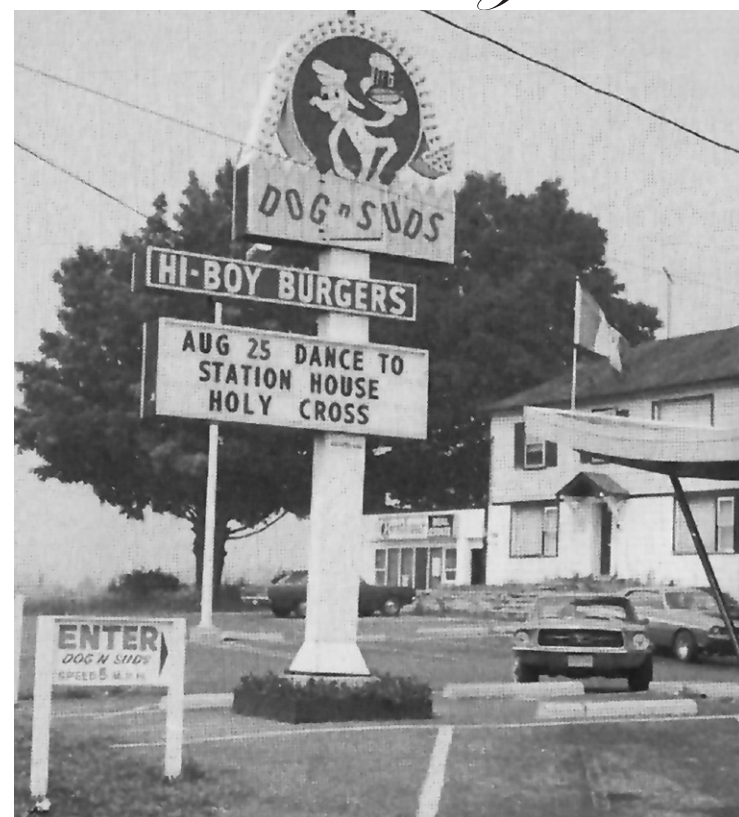


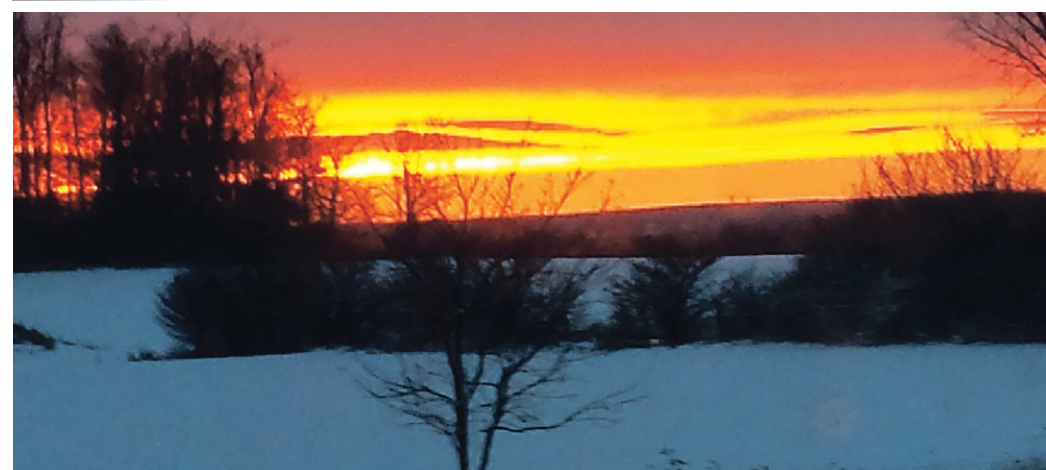
COMMENT

The way we were



The Dog and Suds Drive-In on Guelph St. in Georgetown offered hamburgers, hot dogs and shakes. McDonald's Restaurant and Tandia Cooperative Banking (Prosperity One) now occupy the site.

Text courtesy of John Mark Benbow Rowe, Georgetown: Reflections of a Small Town; photo courtesy of Esquesing Historical Society.



From our readers

A STUNNING SUNSET

Irene Murchie took this photo from her backyard on Early Street.

Got a photo you want to share? Email cgamble@theifp.ca

Get ready for Halton's spring compost giveaway

Halton is committed to working with residents to make the Region a more sustainable place to live.

That's why every spring Halton Region provides additional waste services and hosts a variety of events to make it easier for residents to practice the 3Rs.

One of our most popular events is Halton's spring compost giveaway.

This annual event provides residents with an opportunity to pick up high-quality compost for their garden, free of charge.

This year's giveaway will take place from May 4-9, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Halton Waste Management Site (5400 Regional Road 25, Milton).

Residents must bring their own bags or containers (maximum seven garbage bags or equivalent per household) and a shovel in order to bag their own compost.

To ensure a healthy garden, a blend of 60 per cent topsoil and 40 per cent compost should be used.

Residents attending this year's spring event are again encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item or cash donation, which will be distributed to Halton area food banks.

During last year's compost giveaway events 4,000 residents picked up approximately 2,000 tonnes of compost created from all of the leaves, brush, tree and garden trimmings collected curbside and dropped off at the HWMS.

Residents also donated \$9,041 and over 5,000 kilograms of food to local food banks as part of the event.

Protecting the natural environment is one of the strategic priorities in the draft Halton Region Strategic Action Plan 2015-2018.

One of the actions items highlighted in the plan is to increase the Region's waste diversion rate in order to extend the life of the Waste Management Site.

With the cost of constructing a new landfill nearing \$1 billion, Halton residents have helped significantly extended the Waste Site's lifespan with single family household diverting 62 per cent of waste from landfill in 2013: an impressive diversion rate, some-

thing we hope we can continue to build upon.

By taking steps to divert household waste from the landfill, we help strengthen the economy and preserve our natural environment, both in Halton Hills and the region as a whole.

After all, the responsible use of our resources and protecting green space helps ensure a high quality of life in Halton, both today and for future generations.

For more information about the upcoming compost giveaway event, please visit halton.ca/compost or dial 311.

— Gary Carr is the chair of Halton Region



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