

# COMMENT

*The way we were*



## Summer fun

Three swimmers stand in the water below dam in Glen Williams. Cemetery hill is in the background. Date of Original: c. 1907

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## From our readers



## A DISPLAY OF BEAUTY

This photo was taken recently early in the morning by Ken Madill. Notice the structure of the old mill to the left, circa 1835.

Have a photo you want to share? Email [cgamble@theifp.ca](mailto:cgamble@theifp.ca)

# Georgetown has a rich and unique history within Canada

Did you know Georgetown is part of Canadian history?

From 1915-1923 the Turkish Ottoman Empire tragically killed an estimated 1.5 million Armenians during a disgraceful act of genocide.

On April 23, I joined Councillors Kentner, Johnson, Lawlor, Hurst, Inglis and Somerville at a solemn ceremony at Cedarvale Park commemorating the 100th anniversary of the genocide. More than 400 Canadians, mostly of Armenian descent, came to Georgetown.

Why Georgetown you may ask?

In 1923 Armenian orphans were given a second chance at life by our Canadian government. In 1923, on Dominion Day, 50 Armenian boys arrived at the Cedarvale farm. Overall, 109 boys aged 9-12 endured a three week long journey by foot, road, sea and train to arrive in Georgetown.

This was Canada's first wave of now British child refugees to enter Canada.

We all know them today as "The Georgetown Boys".

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Want to go to the moon? The Community Cycling Challenge is back.

This year you can help raise \$62,500 for the Georgetown Hospital Foundation.

This doesn't cost you a dime, just go to [www.bikechallenge.ca](http://www.bikechallenge.ca) and start peddling. Our goal this year is to ride 384,000 kilometres, which is the same distance

from the Earth to the moon.

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Thank you to all the volunteers who participated in the annual Community Clean-up and 22-Minute Makeover. Between both events, over 50 tonnes of waste was collected. Thanks again to Superior Glove for donating gloves, Tim Hortons and McDonald's Restaurants in Halton Hills. During Earth Day, over 992 pounds of food was collected and \$1,500 was donated to local food banks. Close to 900 native trees were sold and many people took advantage of free compost and the e-waste drop off.

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In 2015, with the support of local businesses, schools, residents and other organizations, energy consumption decreased during the annual Earth Hour. The amount of the decrease is equivalent to powering about 418 homes for one hour. Since first participating in Earth Hour in 2008, the community has saved enough electricity to power about 23,375 average homes for one hour.

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Congratulations once again to all the winners of the Mayor's Youth Recognition Awards and Art Competition. Check out their artwork at the Cultural Centre.

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Keeping it real! I can be reached by telephone at 905-873-2601, ext. 2342 or by email at [mayor@haltonhills.ca](mailto:mayor@haltonhills.ca) or read my blog at [www.rickbonnette.blogspot.com](http://www.rickbonnette.blogspot.com). You can also follow me on twitter at: @RickBonnette1

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