

## Fire Dept. launches Fire Prevention campaign 'hear the beep where you sleep'

Fire Prevention Week runs from Oct. 4-10 and the Halton Hills Fire Department is encouraging everyone to "hear the beep where you sleep" and install a working smoke alarm in every bedroom.

"Many fatal fires occur at night when everyone is asleep, so early warning is crucial to survival," says HHFD Acting Captain Mark Burger.

"The Ontario Fire Code requires working smoke alarms on every storey of the home and outside all sleeping areas. For added protection, our fire department is recommending that you also install a smoke alarm in every bedroom."

The best protection will be provided by inter-connected smoke alarms. The alarm closest to the fire will sense the smoke, triggering all of the alarms throughout the home. For easy installation, wireless interconnected smoke alarms are now available.

Smoke alarms are required to be replaced within the time frame indicated by the manufacturer. This is usually ten years. When replacing interconnected smoke alarms, it is advisable to replace all units in the system at the same time. If a single malfunctioning alarm needs to be replaced, make sure the new alarm

is compatible with the existing units.

HHFD will be set up Home Hardware in Acton and Canadian Tire in Georgetown at various times throughout Fire Prevention Week to assist you with determining which alarms are best for your home and any other prevention question you may have.

For more information about smoke alarms, visit [www.ontario.ca/firemarshal](http://www.ontario.ca/firemarshal) or for the kids visit [www.sparky.org](http://www.sparky.org).

### What's that smell?

On Tuesday, Sept. 22, around 7 a.m. HHFD responded to an unknown odour investigation in the area of Duncan Dr. and Moultreys Cres. On scene fire staff checked both intersections of Moultreys and Duncan and the only smell was a skunk.

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Firefighters responded to a burn complaint around the Hungry Hollow bridge on Sept. 26 around 7:30 p.m. Upon arrival, no fire was visible but there was light smoke in the area. Upon further investigation there was a small fire pit with stone surround located directly under the bridge. Fire staff extinguished the fire.



Wires for fibre optic cable were strewn across Guelph St. just west of Maple Ave. around the noon hour Friday after a truck carrying an oversize load (right) pulled them down, causing traffic to be diverted around the area.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

## Traffic chaos after wires pulled down

A transport truck carrying an oversized load created traffic chaos in central Georgetown last Friday after pulling down some wires at around 11 a.m.

Guelph St. was closed between Maple Ave. and Georgetown District High School for three hours as crews worked to repair the fibre-optic cables that were brought down.

There was no disruption to hydro on the

area but internet service was disabled.

Traffic was slowed to a crawl in all directions as motorists tried to manoeuvre around the road closure.

A Halton Regional Police officer on scene said that crews were given until 2 p.m. to repair the cabling. The officer said the incident was being investigated but it does not appear that any charges were laid.

## Interlocking stone taken from pathway

A section of a newly laid Town of Halton Hills pathway in Glen Williams was removed sometime late Sunday night or early Monday morning and Halton Regional Police is asking members of the public if they may have seen any suspicious activity in the area.

The pathway was built a few weeks ago by the Town using interlocking Unilock stone off Wildwood Rd. between Eighth Line and Ontario St.

A section measuring 3m long and 1.78m

wide, which was grey and brown in colour, at an estimated value of \$600, was taken.

Police have no suspects in the incident and ask if anyone saw something that may be relevant to the investigation, such as vehicles or people in the adjacent parking lot between 7 p.m. Sunday and 7 a.m. Monday.

Anyone with information is asked to call Acting Det. Sgt. Mike Skoularicos of the One District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 905-878-5511 ext. 2420.

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