

COMMENT

Now & Then



1913: Berwick Hall, 129 Main St. S. in Georgetown was designed by prominent Toronto architect Edward Lennox. It was the home of John Roaf Barber, owner of one of the largest stationery manufacturers and suppliers in Canada. It was named Berwick Hall after the birthplace of his mother.

The Barber family moved out in 1918, and it sat idle for many years— becoming known as a “haunted house” for a generation of children. But in 1945, the owner of the Dominion Seed House bought it and converted it into apartments, which remains its use today.

Text courtesy of John McDonald, Halton Sketches Revisited.

Upper photo, Esquesing Historical Society Right, Amy Douglas, Heritage Halton Hills



From our readers



BEAUTY ON DISPLAY

Rein Pater just got back from California where he took this picture at the Oakmont Ranch in Murrieta.

Have a photo you want to share? Email — with details — to cgamble@theifp.ca

Make sure your rental is safe

Nothing is more important than ensuring the safety of family and friends.

The Town of Halton Hills wants to ensure that all residents are safe, especially when they are enjoying the comforts of their own home.

Specific rules are in place that are designed to protect people who live in two-unit dwellings.

A two-unit dwelling is a single-family home that has been converted into two separate units or apartments.

Typically the second accessory unit is in the basement, but other configurations are possible.

It's important that all two-unit dwellings are properly inspected and registered with the Town. The Halton Hills Fire Department recently attended a house fire that potentially could have spread into an illegal basement apartment, putting the health and safety of the occupants in danger.

A home with multiple units that is properly inspected and registered ensures the structure meets all applicable codes and by-laws making the home safe from a structural, health and fire safety perspective.

This protects not only the tenants, but the building owner as well.

For the tenants, they are assured that the residence they live in is safe and the building owner is protected knowing they are providing a safe environment that is also an insurable property.

Anyone interested in a new two-unit conversion or registering an existing two-unit dwelling can follow

the Town's simple process.

You can find details at: <http://www.haltonhills.ca/faq/FAQ-topics.php?topic=44>.

If you are an owner or tenant and want to ensure that your unit(s) is properly registered, please contact the Town's Planning and Infrastructure Services department: 905-873-2601, ext. 2960.

Congratulations to Mike Albano on being elected as Councillor for Ward 1 and thank you to all the candidates for running in the byelection.

Please join myself and councillors on Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. to celebrate the re-opening of the 3 Musketeers Skatepark. This newly designed skatepark and sport court is in memory of Mark Everson, Travis Toth, Rory Dick, and Raymond Getty.



RICK BONNETTE

Congratulations to:
• CIBC grand opening in Georgetown

- Ace2Putt on their grand opening in Georgetown
- Halton Christian School on celebrating their 50th Anniversary
- The Holland Shop in Acton on celebrating their 60th Anniversary
- Helson Kogan Ashbee Schaljo & Associates for their 130th anniversary

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