

Georgetown Market Place will be used to house 'criminals'

The Georgetown Market Place will be the scene of mock trials and a jail to house "criminals" April 27 until they can post bail. Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette and other celebrity judges will pass sentences on the volunteer jailbirds, including Councillor Michael Albano and several Halton community leaders and business owners who will face charges like Murdering the Retirement Age and Possessing Too Many Selfies.

Among the notable "criminals" participating in the Jail-A-Thon on Friday at Georgetown Market Place will be Deputy Chief Nishan Duraipappah and Inspector John Van der Lelie of the Halton Regional Police Service, Kelly Montague of Metro-

land Media, Rocco Neglia of Economical Insurance, Pepper Parr of the Burlington Gazette, Joe Millton of The Knights of Columbus, Cst. William Bijl of the CN Police, Roberta Dee of Deesigns and Ann Gibson of the OPP Victim Services Volunteer Unit.

"We are looking forward to putting on a good show and raise awareness for this important organization that is helping keep Halton Region one of the safest regional communities in Canada," said Cal Millar, Chair of Crime Stoppers of Halton.

"When these volunteer criminals are sentenced to serve time in the makeshift jail at these shopping centres, each jailbird will be contacting colleagues, friends and family to raise money for bail which will

be set during a mock trial at the mall," explained Detective Constable Jodi Richmond, police coordinator for Crime Stoppers of Halton.

The Jail-a-Thon features a roughly five-by-five foot makeshift jail in the centre court of the mall. There will be a judge, prosecutor and jailbirds who act out courtroom scenarios where fictitious, humorous charges are read out, sentences are handed down and the jailbird is expected to come up with the bail amount to gain their freedom. All the proceeds go to Crime Stoppers of Halton.

The Jail-A-Thon fundraiser will take place at Georgetown Market Place between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Friday, April 27th.

NEWS

Halton Hills council to livestream meetings

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The Town of Halton Hills will soon be livestreaming their council sessions on their website.

"Our council and committee meetings are open to the public," said Mayor Rick Bonnette, "But I understand that spending hours at town hall may not appeal to the majority of people despite their interest in municipal business."

There will be five cameras recording the proceedings in council chambers, each discreetly placed around the room. The cameras will be sound activated, recording councillors and speakers as they turn on their microphones.

The new system is set to go live for the community and corporate affairs meetings as well as planning, public works and transportation.

On May 7, the first council session will be livestreamed at haltonhills.ca.

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