

SEASON OPENS FOR DOWNTOWN GEORGETOWN FARMERS MARKET

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Halton Hills residents can enjoy local food and learn about the people who grow it, at the Downtown Georgetown Farmers Market, which is returning for the season on June 1.

On average, between 3,000 and 5,000 shoppers attend the market, which has more than 45 vendors.

"It's not only a farmers market and a place to come do your shopping," said Sheena Switzer, manager of the Downtown Georgetown Business Improvement Area (BIA). "It's an important gathering space for the community."

The market has operated every summer since 1993, with more than half of the booths claimed by local farms.

"In our community, the farmers market serves not just as a gathering place, but as a connection to our agricultural past and our local food," Switzer said.

Bob Allison, a local farmer, has been attending the market since it started.

"It's gotten bigger every year," Allison said. "It's quite a popular market for farmers and local buyers."

Every week, the market offers shoppers an opportunity to meet the people who grow their local food and to ask questions.



Downtown Georgetown BIA photo
The Georgetown Farmers Market opens on June 1 and runs every week until Oct. 19.

"It's another outlet," Allison said. "We like selling directly, and the consumer likes buying from local farms and supporting the local agricultural industry."

The Downtown Georgetown Farmers Market runs every Saturday from June 1 until Oct. 19, from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Main Street.

Although there is no parking on Main Street, parking is available at the Edith Street Parking Lot, secondary parking lots, and parking is available on side streets downtown.

RUNNERS RAISING FUNDS FOR DUCHENNE RESEARCH

A group of Acton runners is gearing up to cover a collective 200 miles this weekend in support of Jesse's Journey and Duchenne muscular dystrophy research.

The team of 10 is taking part in Reebok Ragnar Niagara Falls on May 31 and June 1. Over the course of two days, they will run 200 miles in a relay-style race from Cobourg to Niagara Falls, with each runner completing three legs.

As if that won't be tough enough, runner Sarah Hiseman decided to challenge the team to also raise funds in support of Jesse's Journey, a charity close to the runners' hearts that supports Duchenne research.

Meg Van Asseldonk, who



Acton running team/photo

An Acton running team is suited up like superheroes in honour of their hero, 6-year-old Isaac Van Asseldonk (front row, centre), who has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Pictured from left, (back row) Ian Warden, Reilly O'Brien, Michele Wenz, Meghan Sims, Tirzah Anderson, Chris Cassey, Chris Roulstone and Amy Grimason; (front row) Dave Dolliver, the Van Asseldonk family - Luke, Isaac, Meg, Evelyn and Mark - and Sarah Hiseman.

normally runs with the group, is mom to six-year-old Isaac, who has Duchenne. The family founded the annual kids' trail run in Acton, Isaac's Trek for Treats, in support of the same charity.

During Ragnar, the team's vans will be hosting a charity toonie bake sale for hungry runners on the course.

Each runner will cover three legs over the 200 miles. Throughout leg one, the

team will be wearing superhero costumes in honour of Isaac's love for all superheroes.

The runners will also have photos of Isaac attached to sticks so that they can do candid shots with him over the course of their journey.

To date the team has raised \$1,825, with an end goal of raising \$4,000. Donations can be made at <https://bit.ly/2QxygCW>.



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