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NEW PARK ADVENTURES

Bryan Myers/Torstar

Everett Lavender, 7, makes his way through the new playground at West Branch Park in Georgetown. A grand opening celebration will be held on July 25, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Please see story on page 3.

MOTORCYCLE COLLISIONS ON THE RISE IN HALTON

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So far, in 2019, Halton Region has seen seven major collisions involving motorcycles.

"We have seen an uptick in collisions," Sgt. Ryan Snow, of the Halton Regional Police Service's traffic services unit, said. "There have been more motorcycle collisions

where death or life-altering injuries have been the result."

Of at least seven incidents, the first occurring on March 23, and most recent on July 12, four have been fatal, while the other three have been life-altering.

A number of collisions, Snow said, involve motorists turning left in front of bikes that have the right of way.

"We're seeing a lot of motorcycles involved that are typically smaller bikes with a narrow profile," Snow said.

Smaller, sportier bikes, with dark paint, ridden by riders in dark gear can be difficult for motorists to spot, especially at night.

An avid motorcyclist both on and off duty, Snow rides more than 10,000 kilometres annually.

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"I've got four white LED headlights across the front of my bike," Snow said, adding he recently began wearing a white helmet with brighter clothing and

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