### ■ NEWS HALTON HILLS CHINESE ASSOCIATION TO CELEBRATE MID-AUTUMN IN GEORGETOWN

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The Halton Hills Chinese Association (HHCA) will celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival on Sept. 13.

The festival is widely celebrated in East Asian countries, including China, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam.

Of about 200 Chinese families living in Georgetown, Isabella Liu, festival organizer, said about half are members of the HHCA.

The festival will feature traditional music, dancing, a tai chi demonstration, as well as a Chinese poem reading by Wellington-Halton Hills MP, Michael Chong.

A traditional Chinese treat, mooncake, is eaten during the festival and will be available to try at the festival. A mooncake is a

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Members of the Halton Hills Chinese Association rehearse for the upcoming Mid-Autumn festival at the John Elliott Theatre on Sept. 13, 2019.

rich pastry filled with sweet-bean or lotus-seed paste.

The HHCA was formed following the success of the Wenjiang Festival, named after Georgetown's sister city in China.

"After the festival we decided to set up an organization," Liu said. "We want Chinese people not to just stay in our own community. We want everybody to join the community and

share our culture."

Outside of festivals, the association has volunteered time at the seniors centre teaching tai chi and how to make dumplings.

The Mid-Autumn festival celebration will be held on Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the John Elliott Theatre in Georgetown.

Visitors are welcome to enjoy Chinese culture, performances, and free samples of mooncake.



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