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## ... Lend Me Your Ears

### LOSS OF HEARING DUE TO NON-AGING FACTORS

Hearing loss due to aging can be compounded by other things. A few of these include noise exposure, disease and ear infections.

Hearing loss due to age and noise are cumulative. That is, hearing loss from noise exposure will be added on to hearing loss due to aging. Neither are medically correctable. There is something to be said for protecting the hearing we have left by wearing hearing protectors while doing shop work or target shooting.

Each of us reacts differently to hearing loss. We may totally or partially deny that a problem exists. Typical "denial" statements are "you're mumbling again", or "I was not paying attention" and can be a way of concealing hearing difficulties.

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## NEWS

# RESIDENTS ASKED TO FOLLOW FIREWORKS, COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The Town of Halton Hills is asking residents wanting to celebrate Victoria Day with fireworks to follow COVID-19 health and safety protocols, including physical distancing and keeping gatherings to less than five people.

"If you choose to light fireworks on Victoria Day, follow the rules, adhere to the physical distancing and social gathering requirements and be respectful of your neighbours and their properties," said Halton Hills Fire Chief Harry Oliveri.

Discharging fireworks is only allowed on Victoria Day (Monday, May 18). Fireworks

can only be discharged on your own property, unless consent has been given. They cannot be discharged on any town property (including parks) without permission.

**Other rules to abide by include:**

- You must be at least 18 years old, or under the supervision of someone at least 18 years old.
- Fireworks can not be discharged in a manner that creates a nuisance or danger to others.
- Firecrackers are not permitted.

A list of safety tips can be found on the town's website. Halton Hills businesses



Dan Browning photo

The Town of Halton Hills is asking residents to follow all fireworks and COVID-19 regulations if they plan on lighting off fireworks on Victoria Day.

wishing to sell fireworks will have to complete and submit a checklist to the fire department, which will then issue a sales permit if approved. Previously, the fire department conducted on-site inspections of businesses selling fireworks.

"I know that many fami-

lies enjoy discharging fireworks, so I am asking residents to be extra vigilant this year both in terms of abiding by our bylaws and the provincially-led-directives on COVID-19 to protect everyone's health and safety," said Mayor Rick Bonnette.

**We're Still Open! Due to COVID-19 we are taking every precaution by implementing extra sanitizing measures and limiting contact.**



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