

FREE EVENT ABOUT ELECTRIC VEHICLES ON THIS WEEKEND

Halton Hills residents, and visitors to the town, will have a chance to learn about electric vehicles at a free event on Saturday, Sept. 18 starting at 10 a.m.

The EV Extravaganza, as it is being called, will be held in the parking lot of the Mold-Masters SportsPlex at 221 Guelph St.

The show is a collaboration between the Town of Halton Hills, Plug'n

Drive, Halton Hills Hydro and SouthWestern Energy.

"With around 49 per cent of local greenhouse gas emissions coming from transportation, the EV event is a great way to learn how electric vehicles can help achieve our goal of becoming a carbon-neutral community," Mayor Rick Bonnette said in a media release.

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MORE IS NEEDED TO CURB SPEEDING IN THE GLEN

This letter is regarding the story in the Aug. 19 Independent and Free Press titled "Slow the cars down before someone gets hurt."

Kudos to Krystin Micalizi for bringing concerns of speeding cars in Glen Williams to the front page of the newspaper.

Walking through Glen Williams daily (Confederation Street and Wildwood Road), I have seen drivers who speed, ignore stop signs and make a lot of noise with their ill-equipped cars.

I have not seen police presence for enforcement in the Glen in years, except for mobile radar flashing signs, the short-lasting traffic bollards (as mentioned in the article) and new traffic-calming bumps on John Street, which don't

stop drivers from racing down or up the hill.

Two more speed bumps in between may create change, like on Eaton Street.

Every spring, speed limit signs on Wildwood Road appear visible. With time, they get overwhelmed by growing shrubs, and are completely covered by July.

COVID-19 is often blamed for speeding; less crowded streets and reduced contact invite more risk-taking and dodging fines.

I think that the rise of arrogant and disrespectful drivers, who terrorize the community, has little to do with the pandemic. Habitual driving behaviours need to change.

Sadly, the community

can't change anything unless our regional/municipal government and the police try to improve road safety.

This starts with enforcement.

If police don't enforce the law, who will?

Police must do more, as these drivers aren't worried since — in my opinion — breaking the rules seems to have no real consequences.

A good revenue source would be enforcement at Mountainview Road, John Street's four-way stop intersection, and along John Street, Confederation Street and Wildwood Road.

Halton police must balance their resources to find efficiencies that can benefit the community and emerge on the streets to enforce the law.

The town could also look at Mississauga or Brampton and implement methods of calming traffic with speed cameras.

Hefty fines, impounded

cars, driver's licence suspensions and facing unaffordable car insurance premiums in the future would likely slow them down.

The first reaction is typically to lower the speed limit, which still wouldn't make much difference without enforcement in place.

Rules form the building blocks of a harmonious society, and rules on the road save lives.

If the rule-breaking drivers think that in their world, individual freedom takes precedence and the law doesn't apply to them, they should be reminded that driving is a privilege.

In absence of government and police control, and with behaviours that disregard the rule of law, we are turning into an anarchist culture. And if so, then I think that we failed terribly as a society and as humans.

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