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VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR ANNUAL PARADES

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Santa is coming to town on November 19.

The parades will return in full capacity after two years of restricted celebrations — making stops through Acton and Georgetown downtown.

"I just want people from all walks of life ... to have an opportunity to participate in the parade and share their meaning of Christmas around the world," said Louie Violo, Lions Club of Georgetown parade chair.

With 'A Christmas around the world' theme, the five-kilometre Georgetown parade begins at 5 p.m. and starts at Guelph Street and Sinclair Avenue, proceeds through Mill. Charles and Park streets and wraps up at the Georgetown Fairgrounds.

While preparations are in full swing, Santa's elves are seeking nearly 50 more volunteers to help organize Georgetown's 92nd annual parade. The parade is made possible with support from the Town of Halton Hills and community volunteers and sponsors.

"People don't realize how many volunteers it takes because they're mixed in with the crowd," Violo said.

The club is looking for volunteers, ages 16 and older — at each intersection along the parade route — to keep traffic flowing and hoist flags and banners.

Along with enjoying the best view of the celebrations, volunteers will be ho-



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noured with a complimentary breakfast on the morning of the parade.

"Last year we had over 10,000 spectators and I think we're going to have the same or more this year," Violo said.

The Acton parade hosted by the Acton Firefighters Association, with support from the town, fire department, Halton Regional Police Services, community sponsors and about 40 volunteers — will feature over 30 floats and four bands on Nov. 19.

With a 'Superhero Christmas' theme, the parade will start from Acton Boulevard and

Street at 1 p.m., travelling west and ending at Prospect

From floats honouring frontline workers battling the pandemic to those of local churches, the celebration will offer a wide range of displays, said Acton parade committee chair Alan Scott.

"It's open to everybody's interpretation of a superhero's Christmas," said Scott.

Anyone looking to register a float or volunteer with the Georgetown parade can email Violo at louieviolo67@gmail.com. To register with the Acton parade, email Scott at ActonSanta-ClausParade@gmail.com.

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