

# Residents set to celebrate Normandy Blvd.'s 45th birthday

By **JAMIE HARRISON**

A house may only be a house, but a home can be Heaven. So believe many current and former residents of Georgetown's Normandy Boulevard.

Built as wartime housing following the Second World War, these humble houses have served as homes to families for over 45 years. In recognition of this, residents of the central Georgetown street will be holding a 45-year reunion to celebrate the past, present and future of the families which lived and grew up in these homes.

Of the original 48 veterans on Normandy, only three are still living there today, although five women remain from the group which moved in during the spring of 1947.

Bill Collier, veteran of the Lorne Scots, has lived on Normandy since 1947. He returned from Europe after a four year tour of duty from 1941 to 1945.

Collier called the reunion "a real good idea", and said he is looking forward to renewing old acquaintances.

"We're expecting about 300 to 400 people to attend. We already have people coming from all across Canada, from coast to coast," Collier said. "This has always been a good community."

The reunion of families from Normandy Boulevard — many have moved abroad — came about after much talk between Barry Timleck and Bryan Lewis, who believed it would be an interesting idea to get the people back together after so long. Both men lived on the street — which runs off Guelph St. near Maple Ave. — during their childhood.

The 12 acres of land on which the Normandy Blvd. houses sit once belonged to Cedarvale School and was sold for \$550 per acre. In 1947, Normandy Boulevard was on the east end of Georgetown, but

with 45 years of expansion, it now sits in the centre of town.

Bob McMenemy — another original resident of the street — is serving as chair of the reunion committee. He said the party is being held now, on the street's 45th anniversary to coincide with Canada's 125th birthday.

The reunion, takes place on Aug. 15, and will be an all-day affair, with current residents agreeing to have the street closed to traffic for the occasion.

In addition to what promises to be a day for renewing friendships, games and races are planned for the kids. A barbecue dinner and a street dance are also planned to keep the party going until midnight.

Since early spring, the planning committee has been meeting every two weeks to oversee the event.

Mayor Russell Miller and the Normandy Boulevard ward councillor have been invited to attend, but there will be three other "may-

ors" in attendance, as well.

Chuck Davies, Bill Collier and Herb Brown will all be honored as mayor-for-the-day. Each are veterans who have lived on Normandy since the houses were built.

Anyone wishing to participate in the event should contact Ed Timleck at (416) 873-1950.

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# OMB hearing adjourned to August 4

By **DIANNE CORNISH**

After three days of hearing details about a development proposal calling for a 20-estate lot subdivision southeast of Ballinafad, the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) has adjourned proceedings until Aug. 4.

Halton Hills planner Glenn Wellings said nine more days of hearings have been scheduled on the application of Eighth Line landowner Kent McClure for an Official Plan site specific modification that will allow the proposed development.

Last week's hearing in Halton Hills Council Chambers focused on a presentation about the Beechbrooke subdivision plan which is proposed for a 25.3 hectare (62.5 acre) parcel of land on the east side of Eighth Line, south of the Erin/Halton Hills Town Line. The lands are currently vacant except for the McClure family

home.

Future presentations to the hearing will be given by the Town of Halton Hills and Halton Region which have no objection to the proposal and from the Hickory Falls Ratepayers Association and Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC), opponents to the plan.

The Ratepayers Association, largely composed of Eighth Line residents, formally objected to the proposal, necessitating the OMB hearing.

According to information files at the Town's planning department, the subdivision plan application was first submitted in mid-1988. The Town of Halton Hills recommended approval of the proposal in September, 1990. Neither the Town nor Halton Region opposes the plan.

The NEC originally endorsed the proposal in November, 1988, but advised that the number of lots be

reduced to 18. In May, 1989, it reversed that decision and went on record as opposing the plan, which it said is "not a low-density proposal and is contrary to the Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP) escarpment rural area objectives."

The subdivision site is located in the Niagara Escarpment development control area. Part of it is designated escarpment natural and the rest, escarpment rural. It's proposed that the houses will be built in the escarpment rural area, while the wooded area in the escarpment natural designation will be preserved as private open space.

At a public meeting held by Halton Hills in the spring of 1990, several Eighth Line and area residents appeared to object to the subdivision. Concerns were raised about water supply, increased traffic, fire protection and preservation of the natural environment in the area.

# Local cops to check Camaros

Members of the Halton Regional Police Service investigating the murder of 15-year-old Kristin French are encouraging Camaro drivers to have their cars checked at an upcoming inspection.

The St. Catherine's girl's body was found in the ditch beside a rural Burlington road in April and police investigating the homicide

believe that the driver of a cream-colored Camaro may have information about the abduction and murder.

Vehicle checks will take place at Halton Regional Police Headquarters from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday July 17 and between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday. Halton Regional Police Headquarters is

located at the rear of the Halton Regional Complex, 1151 Bronte Rd., just north of the Queen Elizabeth Way, Oakville.

"All owners and operators of Camaros (are) encouraged to attend (one of the inspection days) and have their vehicle checked and a sticker placed on their windshield," a police media release said.

# Fire survey recommendations approved

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Councillor Al Cook questioned a recommendation rejecting implementation of a proposal from the Fire Marshal's report calling for annual testing of fire hoses. Reasoning that the testing program is labour intensive and that the department's limited full-time staff has more pressing priorities, the committee chose not to implement the testing program.

Cunningham explained that the department hasn't had many problems caused by hose breakage. The department has a procedure to

is not warranted given the small number of hose breakages which the department has to deal with, the fire chief said.

The Fire Marshal's survey recommended that the fire department complete its rural numbering system in Halton Hills as soon as possible.

Since the town introduced a municipal street addressing system for all rural municipal roads last year, the system has been adopted by about 60 per cent of rural residents, Cunningham told council.

He added that the fire department

residences much more quickly during fire calls.

Other recommendations approved by council include: reviewing existing mutual aid agreements between the Halton Hills Fire Department and the Town of Milton and Erin Township with a view to update the agreements; establishment of a formal vehicle replacement program for department vehicles; the provision of future monies in capital forecasts for the establishment of a fire department training facility in the

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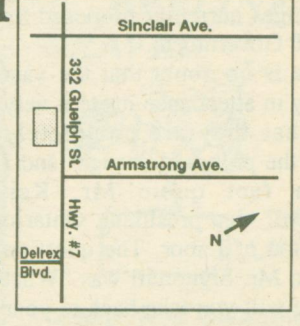
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