

Police committee needs volunteers

By Wendy Long

Georgetown citizens are needed to serve on the Georgetown Community Consultation Committee, in conjunction with Halton Regional Police, to help put a lid on crime.

"At the moment we're floundering," said co-coordinator Elaine Frei. "We're in need of new people."

The Georgetown committee is chaired by Elaine Frei and councillor Marilyn Serjeantson. Sergeant Don Cousens (acting staff-sergeant) of 11 Division will act as coordinator of the committee for the next few months.

There are currently four committees in Halton Hills: Acton, Georgetown and Halton Hills North and South. There are tentative plans to combine the north and south committees to one rural committee.

The Halton Hills North and Acton committees are thriving. They have high community membership and a commitment to make positive changes.

"The whole idea is to solicit help from the public," said Sgt. Cousens, who explained that community policing is changing from reactive to proactive to help stop community crime before it begins.

"The police only know what they're told," Frei said.

"Citizens can identify various issues to the police," Sgt. Cousens said. "Through the community consultation committee they can address concerns they have to the police. This is going to work."

Sgt. Cousens said police are trying to get as many police officers as possible that live in the community to work in the community.

"It strikes home when something does happen," said Sgt. Cousens.

Sgt. Cousens has lived in Georgetown most of his life and is thus familiar with town issues and concerns. He himself graduated from George Kennedy, Centennial and Georgetown District High School. His children, aged 7 and 9, are in Georgetown schools.

"Let's be honest here," Sgt. Cousens said. "We're having our growing pains in trying to get people out. But we're going to work on it and it's going to happen."

The Georgetown committee meets once a month, except during the summer months, for about two hours. To volunteer, contact Sgt. Cousens at 11 Division, 878-5511, or Elaine Frei at 877-1311. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 26 at 7:30 at 11 Division, 217 Guelph Street.



Community Consultation Committee chairperson Elaine Frei and Halton Regional Police Sgt. Don Cousens hope to attract concerned citizens to their committee aimed at putting a lid on crime.

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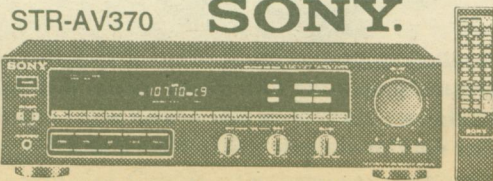
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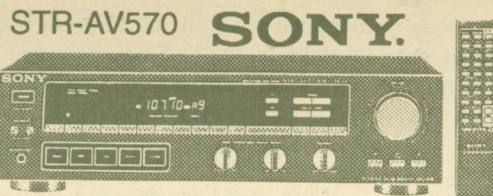


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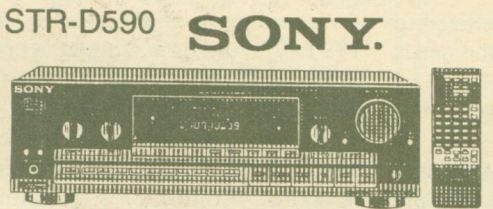
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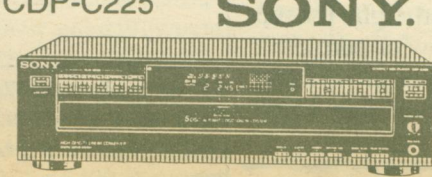


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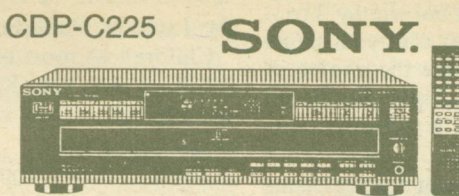


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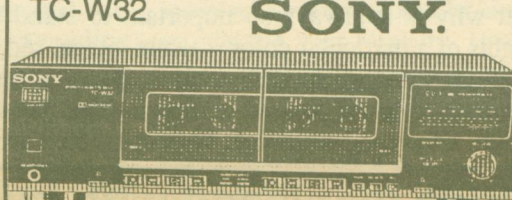


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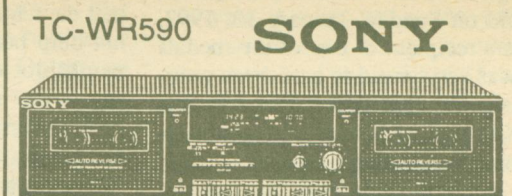


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