

A time for worship during the holidays

Acton churches each have special services planned for the holidays. To help everyone "get to the church on time," the following is a list of the days and times for both Christmas and New Year's services.

St. Alban's Anglican Church will not have morning services on Sunday, Dec. 24, but will have three services in the evening: a 5 pm children's service, a 7:30 pm family service and an 11 pm traditional Christmas Eve service. On Christmas Day there will be a 10 am service.

The children at **Acton Baptist Church** will perform the musical *A Church Mouse Christmas* Dec. 24 at 10:30 am. A family candlelight service will take place at 7 pm the same day.

The **Beth-El Christian Reformed Church** holds a regular Sunday service Dec. 24 at 10 am and a Christmas Eve service involving all of the church groups at 6:30 pm. On Christmas Day there will be a 10 am service. A New Year's Eve service at 6:30 pm is in addition to the regular Sunday 10 am service. There is also a service

New Year's Day at 10 am.

A candlelight Christmas Eve service is at **Evangel Pentecostal Tabernacle** at 6:30 pm.

Knox Presbyterian Church will have regular Sunday services at 11 am on Dec. 24 as well as the Christmas Eve family service at 7:30 pm. There will also be a Christmas Day service at 11 am.

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church holds a Christmas Eve family service at 7 pm with carols by the junior choir starting at 6:30, a 9 pm service with the C.W.L. singing carols at 8:30 and midnight Mass with the adult choir starting carols at 11:30 pm. Christmas Day services are at 9 and 11 am. A New Year's Eve service is at 7 pm with New Year's Day services at 9 and 11 am.

A candlelight service at the **Salvation Army** will take place Dec. 24 at 6:30 pm.

Christmas Eve services at **Trinity United Church** are at 7:30 pm for a family service and at 11 pm for communion, with regular Sunday morning services on both Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.



MILL STREET CLOSED: Town worker George Poulsen directs traffic on Mill Street last Friday as plows and trucks closed the road to traffic to clear away the snow from the curbsides and sidewalks.

Mill St. closure upsets business

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Last Friday morning's snow removal operation downtown had at least one angry business owner. Halton Hills workers kept Mill Street closed to traffic for roughly four hours as they took away the mountains of snow left by the plows a day earlier.

"I can understand the roads need to be cleaned, but they can find a better time to do it," said Andy Katsilieris, owner of Andy's Family Dining.

Closing the street kept customers away from his restaurant,

Katsilieris said, especially seniors who don't want to have to walk very far from their parked cars.

Ron Kuiken, owner of Halton Hills Furniture, agreed with Katsilieris the roads should be cleared earlier in the day, before businesses open.

"Still, this is the fastest I've ever seen them remove the snow. Usually we wait two or three days," he added.

Ted Drewlo, manager of public works for Halton Hills, said for snow removal staff to be in and out of downtown Acton in four hours is pretty good time for the

work that has to be done.

"There is some inconvenience, but once the snow's removed, it's better for everyone."

The snow was removed on Friday morning so as not to pay time-and-a-half wages to staff working at night, said Drewlo. With Christmas shopping in full swing, it was decided to clear the snow before Saturday, when the stores would typically do more business, he added.

Katsilieris was upset at the method Town staff used to remove the snow, saying it only kept Mill Street closed longer.

"Why can't they pile all the snow on the side streets instead of in the middle of the intersection? It's disgusting," he said.

Drewlo said piles of snow are left in areas already blocked off to traffic, "instead of further encroaching the side streets. The longer the stretch of road we have to work with, the better for us."

Glide into new year

If you're looking for ways to burn off that Christmas turkey, look no further than the Acton arena.

The Acton Rotary Club has again sponsored free skating at the arena during the school holiday, from 1 to 2:20 pm Jan. 2 to 5.

Preliminary work has begun on the outdoor rink behind McKenzie-Smith Bennett school. The rink will be ready for skating as soon as the weather co-operates.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



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