

## Milton Council Briefs

by Cindy Pearson Lunau

**SANTA PARADE:** Council approved the closure of Campbellville Roads on Sunday, December 16 to accommodate this special event!

**SMOKE-FREE MILTON:** Council approved a Stakeholders Smoking By-law Review Committee as part of the public consultation for the preparation of a by-law with the goal of implementing smoke free public places and workplaces by May 31, 2002. Rick Malboeuf and Ken Keates (alternate) are Council members designated to this committee. Other municipalities within the Region are also considering similar legislation, already endorsed by Regional Council. (Halton Hills, June 30, 2003). Your comments can be directed to Town Hall, or at a Public Meeting tentative scheduled for February 5, 2002 at Town Hall.

**STA. MARIA/MILTON FCM PARTNERSHIP:** The Town welcomes the delegation from Milton's twin city, Sta. Maria, Bulacan, Philippines, November 29 through December 7. This technical exchange includes newly elected Mayor Bartolome Ramos, Engineer Carmelita Guevarra, and Secretary Benny Fabian. A full schedule of shared experiences and exchange of expertise is planned for their stay. A special ceremony during their visit will assign the street name Santa Maria Blvd. to an access road in the new Community Park.

**MAYOR'S BREAKFAST:** A pres-

entation to the Milton Chamber of Commerce titled "Milton - Then & Now," included population estimates for the next three years. Projections estimate an additional 1632 "dwelling units" for a total population of 42,100 in 2002, an additional 1599 units for a population of 47,100 in 2003 and an additional 1246 units for a population of 51,100 in 2004.

**WARD BOUNDARIES:** With the development of lands in the east, north and south areas of Milton, Council approved a review of the existing ward boundaries previous to the next Municipal Election in November, 2003.

**REAL MEN CAN COOK:** Councillor Keates proved it, winning second place (out of 30 contestants) with his decadent dessert, in this charity event.

**HOLIDAY GREETINGS:** Barry, Ken and I wish you and your family a safe and happy Holiday season!

**REPRESENTATIVES:** Your questions, comments, and concerns are important. Please call us. Barry Lee 519-824-0679 or 1-888-317-2292, Ken Keates 519-856-2432 or 1-888-645-8669, kkeates@sentex.net, or Cindy Lunau cindy@in.on.ca 519-853-3772 (local call from Milton). Town Hall: 905-878-7211, or 1-800-418-5494 www.town.milton.on.ca. The Region can be reached at 1-866-442-5866 (1-866-4HALTON) or 905-825-6000.

## United Way House Tour a success

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centrepieces inside completed the Christmas-in-the-country theme.

Marilyn Jeffery, who donated both her home on Wheelihan Way and the barn she owns with Sheila Robinson to the tour, chose to step back and let decorators perform their magic.

"I'm getting more than my 15 minutes of fame here," joked Ms. Jeffery. "I'm getting double billing for the house and the barn."

Ms. Jeffery, whose home was decorated by Marantha Log House and Crispin's, said the effort took about three days of her own time.

Still, Ms. Jeffery, who works as a nurse, spent a long day on her feet as she welcomed people at the door and handed them plastic bags for their shoes. Crowds pushed past a beautiful tree decorated with golden balls and peacock feathers while breathtaking floral arrangements and accessories were spread through the home.

Susanne Mikler was more than happy to leave for her job each morning and let Cyril Steven Interiors redesign her secluded Fifth Line home.

"The decorations just kept coming and coming until the last night," said Ms. Mikler. The Mikler-Florio residence was decorated with traditional wreaths and a spectacular display of three Christmas trees that soared to the high ceilings of the home. Ms. Mikler's mother and father chipped in by chopping the trees from the


surrounding property and cooking lunch for the hungry decorators.

Ms. Babcock was overwhelmed by the generosity of the decorators and businesses who contributed and says the tour went off without a hitch - well almost. One homeowner found a couple of visitors standing in her bathtub to inspect


the view from a window and another caught some overly curious people peeking in her cupboards.

But Ms. Babcock says these incidents are a rarity. The tour was so successful that United Way is considering adding an extra evening to the event next year.

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