The North Halton COMPASS

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It's that time of year again! Brookville Minor Baseball Association will



be holding its spring Registration on Wednesday, February 27, 2002 at Nassagaweya Hall from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. \$80 per child Special family rates apply

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BRASS TACKS - Editorial

Rural people - speak up

Tust in case you've been living U under a rock, I'll update you on some news - Milton is growing, and fast at that!

However, the real issue is how it's growing. From the looks of it, the town's new central core will be the north east side heading toward Mississauga. Looks like the rural folk will be even further from all the hustle and bustle.

What's that you're thinking? That's great, you want to stay in the country. Well, true enough but it also means we may be left in the dark and forgotten.

Since expansion is inevitable I think the entire town should at least avail from the benefits of growth - we're all going to suffer the negative repercussions.

Of course the recent approval for a new fire hall in Campbellville, potentially housing police station, is pleasing. But look how long and how much agonizing it took to get

Urban dwellers already have the many small luxuries (garbage pickup, recycling, cable, sewage, etc.) the rural community doesn't. Why should urbanites, especially those new to Milton, get catered to?

Unfortunately the rural area, being such a wide spread community, has to struggle to create a unit-

ed voice. But that doesn't mean you can't make a difference.

Convey your opinions to your rural councillors, attend council meetings, keep abroad of the happenings. If you don't take a proactive stance now, it might be too late.

Mississauga may come along and swallow up not only Milton but Halton Hills too and all we will be able to do is sit back and watch our unique towns disappear.

The Compass will try our best to keep you informed, but that's all we can do. You're the ones who can make a difference. If you don't speak up, the fire station will be the last advancement you may see!

From the Office of the Mayor Kathy Gastle

ooking around Halton Hills I with its wealth of well kept properties, interesting shops, restaurants, and other businesses, it is easy to see why so many people agree with me that our town is a great place to live and raise our families.

To be sure, there is always more to be done and the new year brings many opportunities for you to play a vital part in strengthening our community. How? Simply by getting involved. Whether you have free days on your hands, or are only able to spare an hour or two a week, there are organizations in this town that need you and will welcome you with open arms.

There are many worthwhile projects. You may be in a position to

volunteer to coach one of our sports teams, join a service club or church group, or give some badly needed help at one of our annual events such as the Highland Games in June, or one of our fall fairs. You may be interested in knowing more about our municipal trails system and the plans to enlarge it, or in local heritage protection.

If you'd love to help in planting and maintaining a community garden you'll find many like-minded people doing just that and on February 11 drop by the Civic Centre to hear about our participation in Communities in Bloom 2002.

In short, whatever your interest, you'll find lots of activities for young and old alike.

Our new 2002 Spring and Summer Community Activity and

Service Guide will be arriving soon. Take a good look through it when it arrives and you'll find it packed with interesting and informative outlines of classes and activities to appeal to every age and taste. Whether you want to polish a second language, master the computer, learn to swim, quilt, bake, or take up a new sport, you'll find all this and more readily available.

To take part in the day-to-day life of our community is to ensure it remains vibrant. After all, so many of the residents of Halton Hills moved here because they liked its small town values. In this fastpaced and too often dangerous world, it is worth remembering that although things necessarily change, we can still build together to make our community even stronger.





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