

First heritage district for Halton Hills

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are interested in heritage properties."

According to Mr. Rowe, the community benefits because designation maintains the character of the neighbourhood, adds to the fabric of the town, and helps maintain local heritage and history. "It will mean protection from thoughtless demolition and retaining the buildings as they are today," he explains.

Rowe has a strong interest in history. A teacher at St. Brigid's Elementary School in Georgetown, he has a degree in history, has been a member of the Esquesing Historical Society for years and has written the following books: *The Story of Georgetown*, *Glen Williams on*

the Credit, Private Education in Georgetown and, most recently, *Acton: The History of Leathertown*. "Now that Bower Street was successful, we plan to take another crack at Glen Williams from a different angle this time," he says.

Halton Heritage Hills is now working with Town staff to draft a plan that would allow for property tax reductions for the Bower Street district. "Future tax rebate programs, proposed at present, mean financial recognition of the added cost of maintaining a heritage property," Mr. Rowe reveals and adds that the loss in property taxes may be shifted to other taxpayers. Plans are to implement the Syndicate Housing Heritage District in 2004.

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Glenda's Kitchen Kapers
BY GLENDA BENTON

This is one of those recipes that you just have to have. I must confess that I haven't made it yet, but I did taste it and had to have it. Every year, John and Tammie bring blueberries from the north, and this year some of them will go into this dessert, probably at another family Tuesday night dinner. Although the recipe does call for fresh berries, frozen will do just as well.

SUMMER BERRY PIE

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 6 tablespoons cornstarch
- 3 cups cold water
- 1 package (6 ounces) raspberry or strawberry gelatin
- 2 cups fresh blueberries
- 2 cups sliced fresh strawberries
- 2 cups fresh raspberries
- 2 graham cracker crusts (9 inches)
- 4 cups whipped topping

In a saucepan, combine sugar, cornstarch and water until smooth. Bring to a boil, cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Remove from heat. Stir in gelatin until dissolved. Refrigerate for 15-20 minutes or until mixture begins to thicken. Stir in the berries. Pour into crusts and chill until set. Garnish with whipped topping and strawberries.

Now that summer is here we tend to use more salads. This is a tasty change for tomatoes.

TOMATO CUCUMBER SALAD

- 3 medium tomatoes, sliced
- 1 small cucumber, thinly sliced
- 1 green onion, chopped
- 3 tablespoons Italian salad dressing
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh basil or 1/4 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- pinch pepper
- pinch garlic powder or garlic salt if you prefer

In a serving bowl, layer half the tomatoes, all the cucumber and then the remaining tomatoes. Sprinkle with the onion. Combine remaining ingredients in a jar with a tight fitting lid. Shake well. Pour over salad. Cover and chill for 25 minutes or until ready to serve.

If Columbus had turned back no one would have blamed him. No one would have remembered him either.

Donna Danielli's Just Kidding

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Head out for a little **Ice Cream and Starlight** on Saturday, August 16 at the Halton County Radial Railway. Enjoy evening rides on the vintage cars and stop for a mouth-watering cone or two. This runs from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m., and you can find out more by phoning 519-856-9802.

Crawford Lake's reconstructed Iroquoian village becomes a very special place to be on Sunday, August 17. Join the **Spirit Sings** Event from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., and enjoy a unique evening of traditional teachings, storytelling, and native games and challenges. Tickets are required for this special event and admission costs are \$15 for adults, and \$12 for seniors and children. For more information, please call 905-854-0234.

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