

**FORLORN FROSTY:** Frosty spent a few days on various corners in the Division Street-McDonald Boulevard area after being found, lying on his side on the frozen creek, on New Year's day. He disappeared on Saturday, but there's no word if he's back with his owners, or off on another jaunt. — Frances Niblock photo

## Upgrade Georgetown purification plant

Halton Region has hired Wellington Construction through a public tendering process, to begin implementing upgrades to the Georgetown Water Purification Plant on Maple Avenue. It was the lowest tender for the \$2.6 million project.

The upgrades will introduce a filtration process, using catalytic media filters to remove manganese, followed by chlorination. The result will be an end to the discoloration problems that Georgetown residents have been experiencing due to the high levels of manganese in the local water source.

Manganese, a harmless and naturally occurring substance in Georgetown's water, does not have any adverse impact on human health, but its aesthetic appearance has been a concern for residents. The new filtration system will remove the manganese from the raw water, eliminating the need for the home filtration kits that the Region has been supplying to households in Georgetown.

Work on the project will begin soon, and is expected to be complete in early September 2002. The upgrades at the Maple Avenue plant will also provide the capacity to introduce additional features in the future, such as an ultraviolet

process to provide a dual disinfection barrier.

Residents may continue to pick up home filtration kits from Halton Region until the work is complete.

### Children's Wish Foundation benefits

The Halton Regional Police Service is the link in handing over a \$1,000 cheque issued by the Ontario Water and Sewer Main Association to the Children's Wish Foundation.

Since the summer of 2001, Halton Regional Police Service officers were involved in investigations relating to the theft of large pieces of construction equipment from worksites throughout Halton. In September, 2001, two men were arrested for their roles in the thefts. Subsequently over \$700,000 worth of equipment was located and seized from the Caledon and York region.

In appreciation of the efforts of the police officers, the member companies of the Ontario Water and Sewer Main Association have donated a \$1,000 cheque to the Children's Wish Foundation on behalf of the Halton Regional Police Service, and the police investigation.

# Police launch Outreach program for Halton boys under 12

Halton Regional Police Service, in partnership with Children's Assessment Treatment Centre (CATC), Community Resource Services (CRS), both the School Boards, Children's Aid society (CAS), Halton Adolescent Support Services (HASS), and regional Fire Services, launch the Under 12 Outreach Project today (Jan. 10). It is aimed at boys under 12 years of age that come into conflict with the law.

Currently the federal Young Offenders Act deals with children and youth aged

12 through 17 years, with no formalized program or services for the younger children who commit crime. As a result, in partnership with the major stakeholders in the community, the development of a protocol including the police, will refer children on a voluntary basis to the Under 12 Project. The Project aims to get the boys together in group settings, to learn to communicate and deal with issues in a positive manner. As well, parent groups will meet for advice and support.

Okuloski, Regional Police Service program coordinator, says, "This is a fantastic program to help turn kids around before they end up in the formal court processes. The partnership between all the community stakeholders ensures that each family re-

ferred to the program will receive the proper direction and support to avert any further intervention."

Participants in the program will have a range of services available to them based on their individual needs.

## Obesity subject for free health seminar

Healthcare professionals now recognize that obesity is a chronic disease that can lead to diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol levels and certain types of cancers. Being overweight can also cause problems such as sleep apnea (interruptions of deep sleep) and osteoarthritis (wearing away of the joints).

Even a small weight loss of 10 to 20 pounds can improve a person's health by lowering blood pressure and/or cholesterol levels. Interventions to help weight loss, such as eating sensibly and increasing physical activity, can be very effective. A long-term commitment is needed to avoid regaining the weight and the risks associated with yo-yo dieting.

A seminar at the Galaxy Banquet Hall in Oakville on Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 7pm will feature Dr. Ronnie Aronson, MD, Endocrinologist, who will explain why overweight is an epidemic, and will present information on new weight

management medications; Karri Koach, Registered Dietitian, will provide simple approaches to losing the first ten pounds; Andrea Dunn, Kinesiologist (exercise physiologist), will explain how you can make time for exercise; and Mary Forhan, Occupational Therapist, will explain why losing weight and maintaining weight loss is so difficult. Following the presentations, there will be time to have your questions answered.

This free seminar is being presented by Halton Healthcare Services at 475 North Service road East, Oakville.

Community displays and refreshments will be available between 6:30 and 7:00 pm and the presentations will begin at 7:00pm. To reserve a seat, please call 905-338-4379 or [irohm@haltonhealthcare.on.ca](mailto:irohm@haltonhealthcare.on.ca)

If you are unable to attend this event, but would like more information on this topic, speak with your physician or call the Lifestyle Metabolism Centre at 905-337-0040.

### Herbs for Health & Colourful Foliage

Bring your questions for **KAREN MACHAND**

of **Country Lane Herbs** who will be guest speaker at our

**General Meeting**

**Jan. 15 ~ 7:30 pm**

at Knox Presbyterian Church, Acton  
*Everyone Welcome*

For further info call Max 853-0001  
**Acton Horticultural Society**



The Town of Halton Hills invites you to attend a Public Information Centre to view the preliminary design drawings for the reconstruction of Poplar Avenue from Maria Street to Fairview Avenue and Crescent Street from Poplar Avenue to Fairview Avenue.

**Date: Wednesday, January 23, 2002**

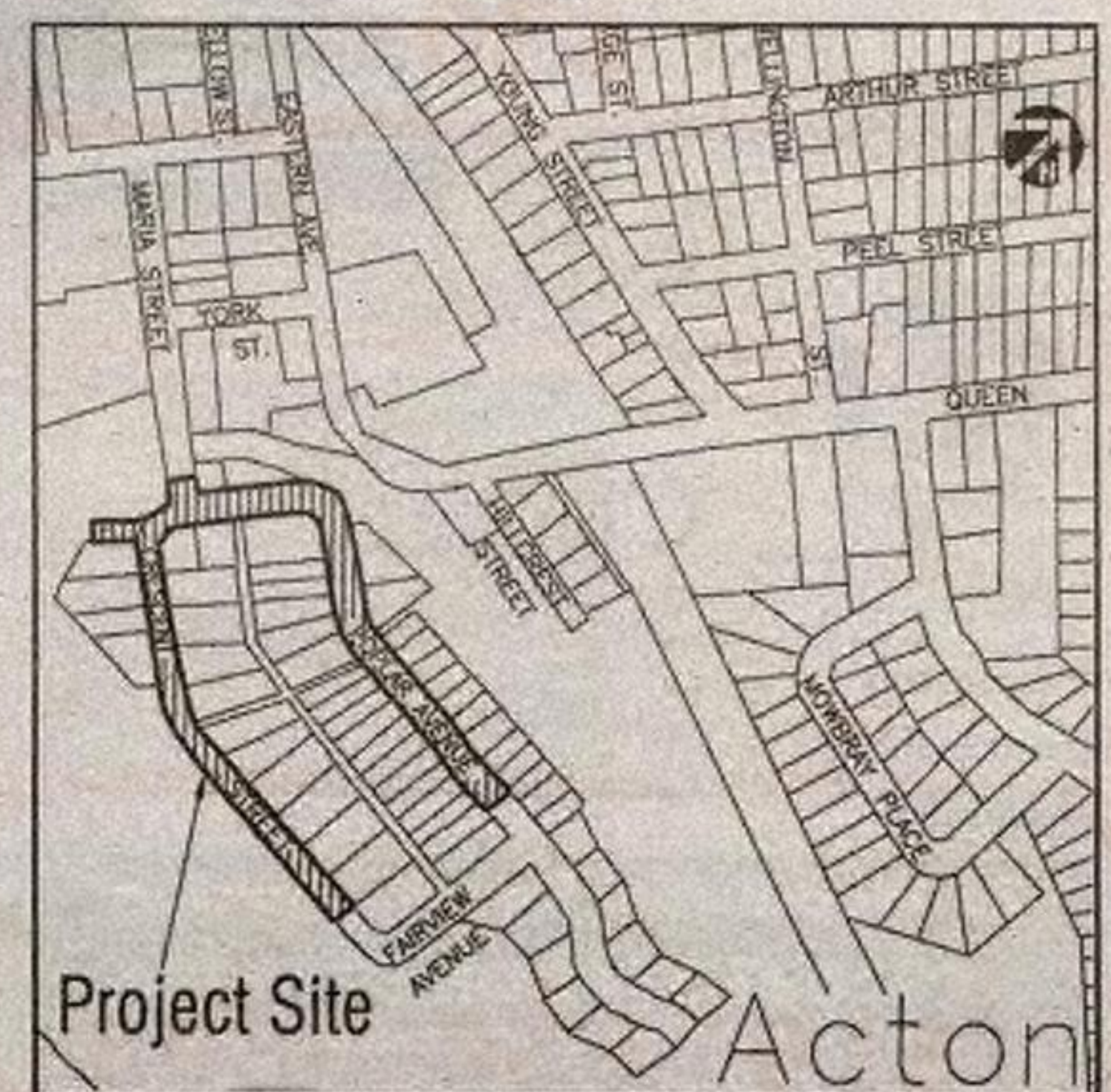
**Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Place: Town of Halton Hills Civic Centre  
Esquering Room  
1 Halton Hills Drive  
Halton Hills (Georgetown)**

This Public Information Centre will be an informal meeting where plans showing the proposed construction will be available for viewing by area residents and other interested parties. Town of Halton Hills and Region of Halton staff will be available to discuss the projects and answer questions.

The project is being carried out in accordance with the Class Environmental Assessment Process, as a Schedule 'A' project.

Inquiries regarding the project should be directed to: T. Cronkright, C.E.T., Engineering Design Co-ordinator at 905-873-2601, extension 2306.



## Acton Unity Service

The ninth annual Acton service for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**



will be held at the **Acton Legion**

on Sunday January 20th at 10:30 am

All the churches of Acton will be worshipping together.

Rev. Jamie Shepherd of Central Pentecostal Church in Fergus will be our guest speaker. He was the Pastor of the Evangel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church in Acton.



The Acton Band, the joint choirs from the churches as well as members of the Acton Ministerial will be taking part. **A unique worship experience.**

Please note that children, toddlers, and infants can be dropped off at St. Joseph Catholic School for the Kids' Unity Event beginning at 10:15 am.

## Acton Kids' Unity Event

Sunday January 20th, 2002  
at 10:15 am

St. Joseph Catholic  
Elementary School

Worshipping with Colleen Reindeers  
and Grace Moes

And enjoy puppetry with Rick Chapman  
and "Wally"!

Come dressed for  
fun and action!

Toddlers' Program and  
Nursery also available.

