

Off the Wall is closing...

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are a good investment for the community to give kids a safe place to go, as evidenced by the "remarkable" change in the number of kids loitering in downtown Acton since Off The Wall opened in June 2000.

"The parents also tell us how good they feel about hav-

ing somewhere safe for their kids to go, and the kids love it - and they are really upset and it's really a tragedy because there's more children coming and there's a huge demand (for service) in Acton and Georgetown," she said.

Two of three youth workers have received pink slips while one worker will con-

tinue in her dual role as the young parents' co-ordinator.

Barham said approximately 45 to 50 youths use the Georgetown youth facility on each of the three days it's open each week. In Acton, often up to 60 kids show up for the junior program on Wednesdays, and between 30 to 40 older kids use the centre and its services on Thursdays and Fridays.

At Council on Monday, Georgetown and Regional Councillor John Day, a citizen member of a youth steering committee, said they're investigating ways to keep the centres open until the end of June, when HHCSI learns if it qualifies for a Trillium Foundation grant. Funding may also be available through Halton Region, an option that's being investigated.

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FLORAL DELIGHT: The Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society held their kick-off dinner at Trinity Church last Wednesday. Attending the dinner was Carl Leybourne, Unit President of Wellington District. Carl showed the daffodils, which sold throughout the town to transportation convenor Margaret MacKinnon, and Mayor Kathy Gastle. - Angela Tyler photo

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If you see an Emergency Services vehicle with its lights activated, pull over safely to the right-hand side of the roadway, and stop. This law applies whether the Emergency Services vehicle is in front of, or behind your vehicle.

There are penalties and fines for disobeying this law, but the consequences could be far worse for those people made to wait for Emergency Services help to arrive.

You never know... that Fire, Ambulance or Police vehicle may be trying to reach your home or help a member of your family.

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Acton Pharmacy robbed...

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blond stringy hair and wears metal-frame glasses and smells of cigarette smoke.

The pharmacist, who was so frightened that initially she


couldn't decipher her own handwritten description of the robber, told police he was wearing a baseball-type jacket with a silky-sheen and white piping on the sleeves.

The suspect ran out the rear door to a waiting blue, older model North American make.

This is the second drug related incident at the store, which closed for good on Saturday as part of PharmaPlus's consolidation in Acton East.

During a pre-dawn break-in on March 20, thieves stole narcotics with a street value of at least \$32,000 after smashing the front door glass.

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EARTH DAY 2002

The Town of Halton Hills is celebrating Earth Day on Saturday, April 20, 2002, at the Central Works Garage, 11620 Trafalgar Road. The Town encourages residents to plant a tree on their own property by offering these trees at a subsidized rate. Five varieties of trees may be purchased for a nominal fee of \$5.00 (incl. tax). Trees are available in limited quantities, cash only please. Trees available include Bur Oak, Red Maple, Sugar Maple, Basswood and Green Ash in sizes ranging from 50 cm - 125 cm. The Town of Halton Hills has purchased the trees at a reduced rate from Sheridan Nurseries.

The tree sale commences at 9:00 am and will continue until 3:00 pm. A special door prize winner will be selected at the end of the day. Enter our contest and you could win a free tree for your property. No purchase is necessary to win!!!!

In addition, compost and wood chips will be available FREE!!!! A non-perishable donation such as peanut butter, cereal, canned fruit or vegetables to the Georgetown Bread Basket or Acton Foodshare would be appreciated. Residents who want to pick up compost or wood chips should bring their own shovel and container.

The Town's Environmental Committee (TEAC) will have their display on hand and will be distributing flyers on the proper maintenance of your new tree. Saturday April 27th has been declared Clean Up Halton Hills Day during Earth Week 2002. It is time for everyone to pitch in and clean up our town. Interested individuals and groups are invited to call Daphne Millar at the Town (905) 873-2601 ext 2610, to register your location and arrange for disposal of the litter. The Georgetown Horticultural Society will have a display and a Master Gardener will be on hand to answer any gardening questions you might have.

Join us for food, refreshments and fun from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The Mayor and Councillors will be toasting up waffles and cooking sausages, hamburgers and hot dogs for you at a low price of \$1.00. Thanks to McDonald's and the Ultimate Bean for free refreshments and to IGA Acton for subsidizing the food.

There will be a convenient drive through for those in a hurry. Plenty of parking is available for those who want to browse and maybe even enter our kid's colouring contest.

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