## Ready to break ground for Georgetown leisure centre

It has been a long wait, but the Town is finally ready to break ground for a \$10-million leisure/community centre Georgetown South.

The December 2 event includes opening remarks at the Civic Centre, a bus ride to the Eighth Line site for the ground breaking and back to the Civic Centre for a reception, followed by a council meeting where the name of the new centre will be officially announced.

The facility includes a six-lane competitive pool, a therapeutic pool, sauna and leisure pool with a waterslide, change rooms, banquet hall, offices and

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meeting room.

Fire safety

The New Tanner's efforts to enhance fire safety awareness in the community will be recognized with a Safe Community Award, to be presented by Fire Chief Bob Meads and Mayor Kathy Gastle at Council on Monday.

The Town's engineering and public works department, Fred's Towing and The Independent and Free Press will receive awards, formally thanking them for their ongoing support.

Fred's Towing is being honoured for helping with vehicle rescue training programs and the works department for its "untiring

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support" at fire and other emergency scenes.

In a press release, Chief Meads said support from the community helps the department successfully deliver fire services.

"It is only fitting that we recognize those individuals and organizations that help us deliver the quality of services that we do," Means said.

"All of this year's recipients have helped us tremendously over the years, and it's our distinct privilege to honour them with these awards and say thank you," he said.

Traffic count

10 Speedvale Ave. E., Guelph

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A true snapshot of the current traffic patterns on Kingham Road will be

taken this week as the Town uses automatic traffic recorders - ATTs - and a hand-held radar gun to find out how fast traffic is moving on the narrow, sometimes congested road.

The speed study is to answer safety concerns raised by a Kingham man about vehicle speed on the narrow, busy road.

Town staff said the ATTs laid out across roads have an extra-added bonus of slowing traffic, according to one Wildwood Road resident recently.

"The guy came out and said ever since we put the counters out, speeders and truck traffic was down," Butrym said, adding some motorists thinks it's s a

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"police thing" he said, adding they do share speed date with the police.

Leash-free request

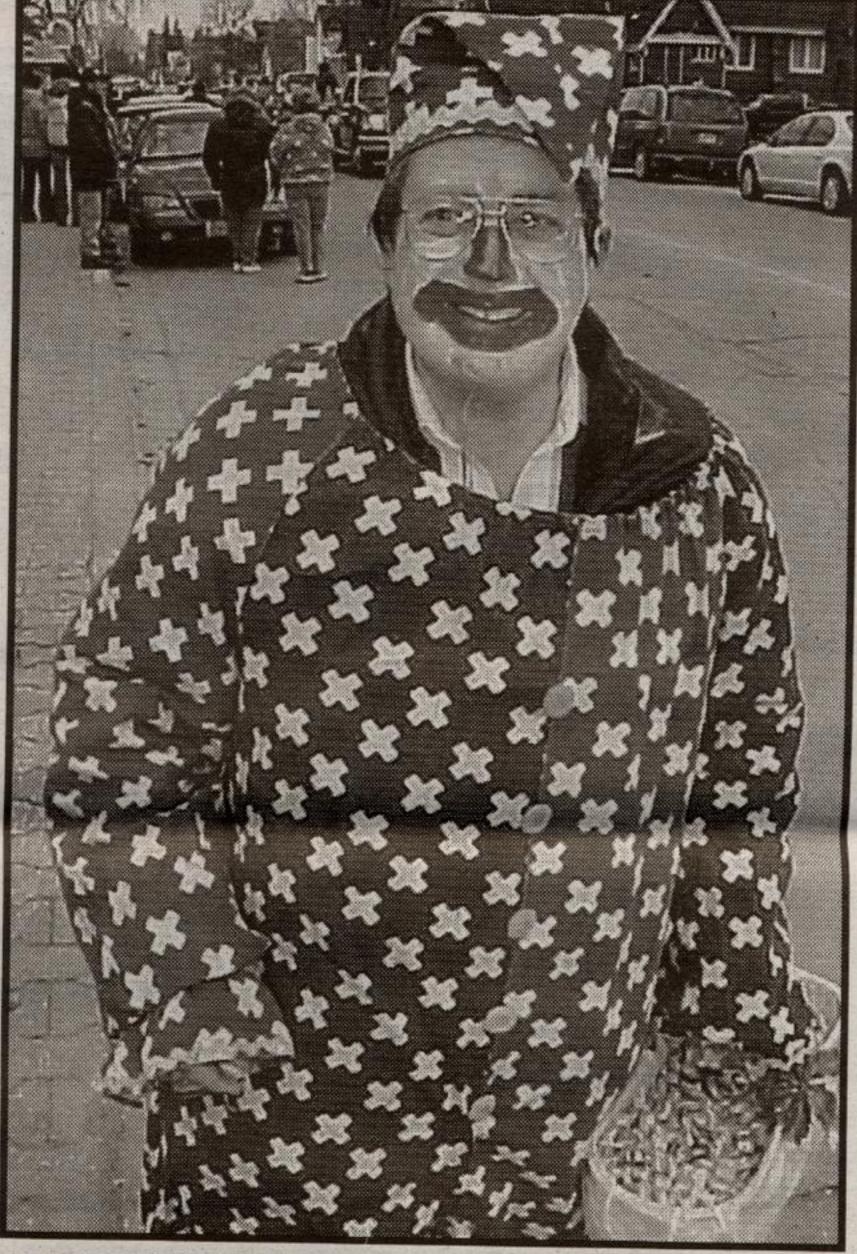
A group of dog-lovers lead by Acton's Cindi Knill will make a pitch for a leash-free exercise area for their pets at a Town Council meeting on Monday.

The leash-free zone was first suggested by thencouncillor Kathy Gastle in 1999, and subsequently rejected twice during budget talks.

Knill, a founding member of HH-DOG (Halton

Hills Dog Owners Group) is working with Town recreation and parks staff to develop a pilot project, a one-acre area surrounded by a chainlink fence in a remote corner of an unnamed park.

"Lots of surrounding communities have leashfree areas," Knill said on Monday, adding with a bylaw requiring dogs to be leashed at all times, a leashfree area helps reduce dog aggression and that helps reduce bylaw enforcement complaint costs.



AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: He tried to disguise himself, however we knew Rotarian Bill Sanford was just clowning around. - Angela Tyler photo

## Santa's arrival...

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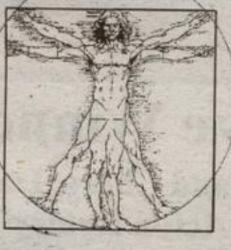
which he wished, could have been filled.

Snow, which was only a few flakes and the parade marched down Mill and Main grew into a blizzard just as Santa Claus, bringing up the end of the procession.



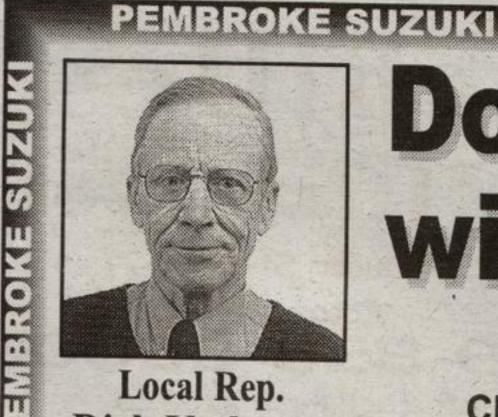
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