

200 HTA RIDE charges laid

Halton Regional Police have concluded the five week annual holiday RIDE campaign,

which resulted in slightly over 32,000 vehicles being stopped at locations across Halton Region.

Total vehicles stopped during the campaign were slightly less than the 2002 total of 34,344. However the number of roadside 12 hour licence suspensions and criminal charges for impaired Driving/Over 80-mg related to actual "RIDE" check locations were significantly less during the 2003 campaign.

Roadside screening tests to-

talled 209 while 46 12-hour licence suspensions were levied, three ADLS driver licence suspensions and three charged. Two hundred Highway Traffic Act charges were laid and 634 warnings issued.

Although statistics from "RIDE" checks are indicative that "people are getting the message," Halton Police said that Impaired Driving/Over 80 charges laid outside the parameters of the "RIDE" program for the month of December were up from 27 in 2002 to 38 in 2003.

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Transportation Master Plan Study

The Region of Halton has initiated a Transportation Master Plan Study to develop a dynamic integrated transportation strategy that considers all modes of travel. This study will provide Halton Region with the strategies, policies and tools needed to manage traffic safely, effectively, and cost efficiently and to offer a range of transportation choices to meet the needs of Halton residents. Ultimately, the Halton Transportation Master Plan Study will result in a more liveable community that supports the mobility needs of residents, businesses and visitors in both the rural and urban areas of the Region. This study is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class *Environmental Assessment (June 2000)*, which is an approved process under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The study will define transportation opportunities, identify and evaluate alternative solutions (including alternative travel modes) and identify an overall transportation network to serve Halton Region for the next 20 years.

The second of three rounds of Public Information Centres (PICs) were held in late September to mid-October 2003 in each of the Region's local municipalities at which time input was received from the public on the preliminary evaluation results including transportation opportunities and solutions.

The study team is currently conducting a review of alternative transportation solutions including transit and roadway alternatives for the Regional road network and will be presenting the preferred transportation infrastructure network and plan at the third round of Public Information Centres (PICs), which will be held in each of Halton Region's local municipalities at the following locations and dates:

Municipality	Date	Time	Location
Town of Halton Hills	January 20, 2004	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Town of Halton Hills Council Chambers 1 Halton Hills Drive
Town of Oakville	January 22, 2004	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Region of Halton Auditorium 1151 Bronte Road
Town of Milton	January 27, 2004	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Town of Milton Hugh Foster Hall (next to Milton Town Hall), 43 Brown Street
City of Burlington	January 29, 2004	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Travel Lodge Burlington on the Lake Nelson Room, 2020 Lakeshore Road

A presentation will take place at 7:00 p.m., followed by a workshop. Local staff will be present to discuss the status of transportation studies and initiatives currently being undertaken by the local municipalities. If you have any questions related to the study or wish to be added to the study mailing list, please contact:

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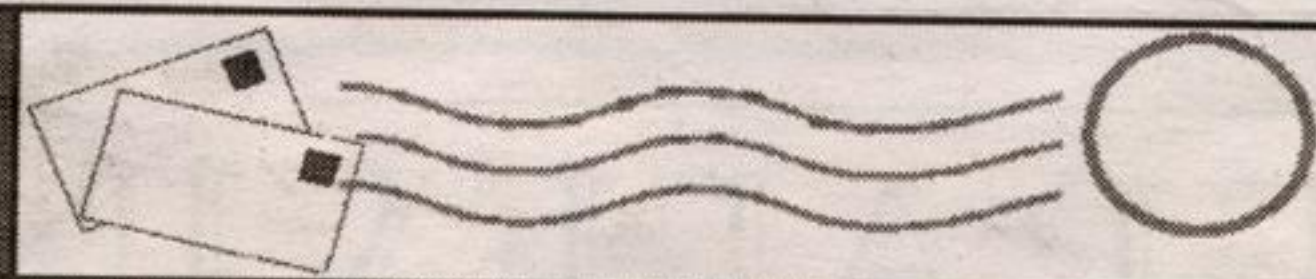
Additional information related to the study and consultation process may be obtained through the study website at:
www.region.halton.on.ca/ppw/planningroads/transp/masterplan

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Letters



Santa Calls program an 'incredible success'

To the Editor,

Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department would like to extend a very special thank you to everyone who contributed to the annual "Santa Calls" program.

A great big heart felt thank-you to The Optimist Club of Georgetown and Dino Arsenault whose efforts are inspirational and have made a lasting impression on many

little people. In this busy world, it's wonderful to have people who will take the time to share with others.

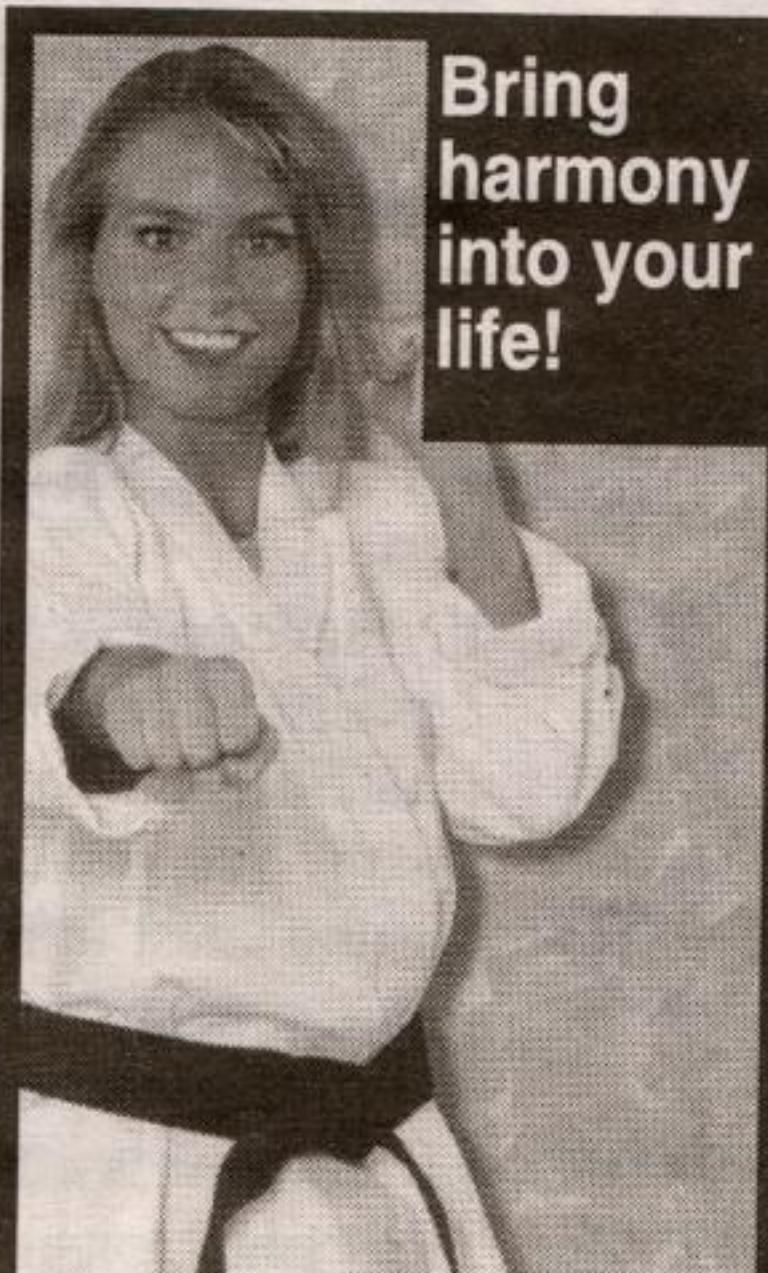
To Halton Hills principals, kindergarten teachers, and parents thank-you for participating in this year's program and helping make it such an incredible success.

Final thanks go to Georgetown Subway, Topper's Pizza, and the McGibbon

Hotel for providing Santa with the fuel he needed to call so many children.

Due to everyone's hard work Santa was able to wish over 700 kindergarten children and their families in Halton Hills a very Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,
Dawn Trussell,
Recreation Supervisor



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Yule needs program helps 71 families

To the Editor,

Halton Hills Community Support and Information (HHCSI) want to express our sincere thanks to all those who helped to make the holiday season special this past year for 71 families (174 children) in our community. This was a significant increase over last year so we thank the community for their tremendous support.

During November and December members of the Halton Hills community generously donated many items to our Christmas Needs Program, including toys, clothing, knitting and money. Several local businesses and individuals made financial donations to our program and these donations were used to purchase items of clothing for financially limited families. Thanks to every-

one who took the time to make a donation.

Many groups, churches, businesses and individuals assisted with our program by providing hampers for families. They purchased clothing and toys and put the hampers together for families. We are very grateful for their support of this program.

Last year was a difficult one for many families and we are so pleased that the community responded to the increased need in a very generous way. We are very fortunate to live in a community where people care for one another and demonstrate that caring by sharing their resources with others.

Sincerely,
Cathy Gerrow, Community Support Coordinator
Halton Hills Community Support and Information



HHSCI presents Laughing Out Loud - an adult Comedy Review on Friday, February 6 at the Acton Legion. Showtime: 8p.m. (Doors open at 7 p.m.)

Tickets: \$18 each.
Tickets are available in Acton: Home Hardware,

Blue Springs Flower Shop, Halton Hills Community Support and Information, (45 Mill St. E. 853-3310).

Georgetown: Freckled Lion Children's Bookstore, A Novel Escape, Halton Hills Community Support and Information (36A Armstrong Ave., 873-6502)

The show is a fundraiser for Off The Wall Youth Centre.

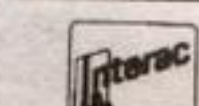
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