

First Town Country Showcase highlights Halton Hills

Halton Hills invites you to discover your own town on Saturday, June 19, for Halton Hills 1st Annual Town & Country Showcase.

The all day event has taken the momentum and enthusiasm of last year's Communities in Bloom initiative, to create an occasion that encourages new residents to discover their town and long-

time residents to reacquaint themselves with their community.

This community wide event will showcase multiple locations throughout Halton Hills, highlighting lesser known attractions, while renewing interest in old favourites. Various events will be running throughout the day and residents are encouraged to attend multiple locations.

The different sites will display the assorted aspects of Halton Hills past and present, including historical, agricultural, environmental, civic and cultural presentations. Various performers, demonstrations, tours and hikes are included at many of the event's sites.

Acton's involvement in the Showcase focuses greatly on heritage. Many of

the community's churches will be open for public tours, as well as the Town Hall. Other Acton events include Wetherby's British Day and a free concert in Prospect Park from 2pm to 4pm.

Keep in mind that events will be happening all over Halton Hills. There are points of interest for the entire family.

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Fight to save obstetrics at Georgetown hospital

Rally to support hospital

A rally to support saving obstetrics and paediatrics units at Georgetown hospital is being organized by Town Council to take place at the Georgetown District High School Cafeteria on Wednesday, June 9 at 7 p.m.

The William Osler Health Centre, an umbrella organization in cohorts with hospitals in Brampton and Etobicoke, made the announcements recently and it has engendered a lot of criticism from the mayor and council of Halton Hills as well as the family physicians, nurses and community leaders.

"This decision, which was made without consulting the Town of Halton Hills or the Region of Halton, is unacceptable to the residents of Halton Hills," says Mayor Rick Bonnette. The residents of Halton Hills must get a message to the board of directors of the William Osler Health Centre and to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care that the obstetrics and paediatrics

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TERRIFIC TOYS: The Acton Trunk Sale was back in full swing on Saturday. One of the more popular vendors was this one with a vast collection of Beannie Babies. - Bargain Hunters can search for treasures again this Saturday morning. - Angela Tyler photo

Sunny, warm day for Sale's debut

Acton's popular Trunk Sale returned this past Saturday with a bang.

Sunny skies and great spring weather made the opening of the 11th annual community event perfect for organizers.

"We couldn't have asked for a better day," said Trunk Sale volunteer Jake Kuiken. By 6 a.m. vendors were already lining Eastern Avenue. At 7 a.m., organizers were joined by many of them to help get ready for the morning.

Although a cry for new volunteers proved less than fruitful, the organizers were overwhelmed by how the vendors pitched in and co-operated upon returning to the Town-owned land at the corner of Eastern Avenue and Mill Street.

"It took us a little longer to park everyone, being that it was our first day here

again, but everyone was super," Kuiken noted. By 8:30 a.m., the Trunk Sale was almost in a sold-out position. Early estimates have the number of vendors in the neighbourhood of 70.

"The past few weeks we've had phone calls from a lot of new vendors," Kuiken said. Vendors at the sale were from all over including Barrie, Cambridge, Toronto and of course, locally.

Along with the 'regulars', bargain hunters were treated to many new booths and lots of variety including antiques, garden plants and more. Many of the vendors were ecstatic with the turnout and how it reflected similarly with their sales.

Organizers are looking forward to another great season. The sale continues this Saturday morning.

Mayor to meet with Ministry of Health brass

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

The Town is enlisting top health ministry advisers in the fight to prevent the announced May 5 closure of the obstetrics and paediatrics units at the Georgetown campus of the William Osler Health Centre (WOHC.)

At Council on Monday, Mayor Rick Bonnette reported that he had scheduled a meeting on Thursday (June 3) with two senior policy advisors with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

"I hope to make an announcement by the end of the week, because we're stepping this (the closure fight) up," Bonnette said, issuing a call to arms on the issue.

"I'm ready for a fight and I know Council is, and I know the public is ready to fight on this one," Bonnette said, as he briefed councillors on his meeting last Thursday with the directors of the WOHC in Etobicoke.

Bonnette thanked the 120 people - citizens, doctors, nurses who attended the meeting, and thanked the Acton Tim Hortons for donating Timbits for those who rode Town buses to the meeting.

Bonnette also reported that Toronto Mayor David Miller, whose domain covers Etobicoke, supports

Halton Hills' fight to save the units, but his office had not heard from Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh who was asked for help.

Chudleigh's lack of official response did not sit well with Wards 1/2 Regional Councillor Clark Somerville who said Chudleigh should have been on the issue like a "fat man at a buffet."

In his address to the WOHC board last week, Bonnette said closing the units is unacceptable, and a betrayal by the board that faces a \$27-million deficit that did not exist before Georgetown was amalgamated with Brampton and Etobicoke as the WOHC.

He said closing the units would hurt efforts to recruit more doctors to Halton Hills, hurt hospital fundraising efforts and increase morbidity and mortality of both infants and mothers.

On Tuesday, the Town announced it's staging a public rally on the closures on June 9, at 7 p.m., at Georgetown High School.

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