

...AND ALL THAT JAZZ: Acton High School Jazz Band played a concert for the North Halton Retired Teachers at Acton Arena on Thursday May 27, Members of the band include: Front Row-Hayley Burgess, Lara Kirby, Dan Magee, Ashton Roza, Jenny Gibson, Ryan Martin, Dawn Stevenson. Middle Row-James Lee, Eric Corman, Kayleigh LeBlanc, Patrick Kenzie, Kyle LeBlanc, Hjoerdis Stockinger. Back Row-Cassie Hunter, Jeremy Webster, Nils-Olav Stockinger, Dave Harder, Kyle Pinkerton, Adam Burgess, Cody Green, Marcel VanHelden, Synnoeve Stockinger, Hazen Andrews, Mr. Wilcox (Conductor), Mac Hunter. -Ted Tyler Photo

Bylaw will enforce property standards

By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

Provisions for tougher and clearer standards for maintenance and occupancy of all properties in Halton Hills received Council approval on Monday in a new bylaw that sets minimum requirements to regulate public health, safety, comfort, convenience and general welfare of all residents.

Municipal law enforcement officer Ron Stein said the former bylaw was difficult to enforce and imprecise, sometimes resulting in costly and unnecessary appeals to the Property Standards Committee.

Stein said they investigated approximately 200 complaints in 2003 and issued about 60 property standards orders. The Town's property standards officers are Certified Property Standards Officers; this designation being recognized in the Province of Ontario.

Many of the complaints are from tenants about rental conditions, as well as complaints about litter and derelict and unsafe properties. Stein said most people aren't interested in property standards until they have a complaint or receive an order.

A complaint is investigated to determine if a bylaw violation exists. If it does, the officer can issue notice or a formal property standards order, giving reasonable particulars to remedy the problem and a work completion date.

The property owner can appeal that order to the property standards committee and that committee's decision may be appealed to the Superior Court of Justice.

Stein said in an emergency, officers have the ability to is-

sue an emergency order, as happened recently in Georgetown when a sign on Guelph Street was falling down and a danger to people using the sidewalk.

"In instances like that, we go on the property and correct the violation and issue the order after the problem is corrected, and then we have to bring that matter to the Superior Court of Justice to have a judge review our order to confirm it," Stein said, adding if the order is not confirmed, the Town would have to compensate the property owner.

He said that if someone does not comply with a confirmed order the Town can lay a charge of failing to comply with a property standards order, with a maximum fine upon conviction of \$25,000 for an individual and \$50,000 for a corporation on a first offence. "Going to court is an option, but its not always the most useful option, because really what we need is the problem corrected, and taking someone to court is not always the best way to go," Stein said.

He said once an order is confirmed and the time to remedy the problem has expired, the town can go on the property and make the repairs and add all costs to the taxes on the property as a priority lien.

New and enhanced property

standards govern:
- storage of firewood

-boarding up vacant buildings -snow clearing for multi-unit dwellings; commercial/industrial/institutional buildings -cancellation of utilities to

-cancellation of utilities to buildings vacant more than 90 days. The new property standards and occupancy bylaw is posted on the Town website at www.haltonhills.ca LETUS

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By James Hayes Public Relations Officer



Comrades,

At the Branch executive meeting last Monday night the newly elected executive members were welcomed, and the retiring members thanked for their service on your behalf. Our thanks go to Al Moss and Wendy and Norm Martineau.

The following appointments were made: Bar Crews - Kathleen Bevan; Sports - Ren Cunard; Maintenance - Larry McAfee; Entertainment - Wayne Young; PRO - Jim Hayes. Mary Watson has taken up her duties as

Branch secretary.

Your support for your new executive can be shown by your attendance at the next general meeting on Monday, June 7, at 8 p.m. Don't forget the draw will be made for a free membership for 2005 from amongst the non-executive members present.

Grave Decoration Day at Fairview Cemetery is at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 6 if you wish to assist in planting the flowers on our veterans' graves.

Wayne Young; PRO-Jim Ladies' Auxiliary - Hayes. Mary Watson has Next general meeting on taken up her duties as Thursday, June 10.

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Wingrove Veterinary Services

is proud to announce that Dr. Sabrina Piombo has joined Dr. Jan Dadson as a partner in the practice. After three years as an associate, Dr. Piombo looks forward to this wonderful opportunity to continue to

work with the Wingrove team to provide care for pets and their owners.

Located on Hwy 24 between Guelph and Erin, Wingrove has grown with the community under Dr. Dadson's leadership for the past 20 years. Dr. Dadson's and Dr. Piombo's ongoing commitment to excellence in veterinary medicine will ensure that all of Wingrove's existing and new patients will continue to have access to medical attention and services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for years to come.

Please accept our warmest invitation to welcome Dr. Piombo and meet our staff at Wingrove's Annual Open House, June 26/04 from 1-4pm.

Bring the whole family for games, hospital tours demonstrations a BBQ and lots of fun!

Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church Associate Minister Sean Howard

Sunday Service - 9:30 am (Summer Services remain the same)

Saturday, June 5

Annual Chicken Barbecue 4:30 - 7:00pm Tickets \$12.50 advance \$15 at the door

Sunday, June 13, 9:30am

Guest speaker - former minister at Nassagaweya and St.
David's, Rev. Desmond Howard.

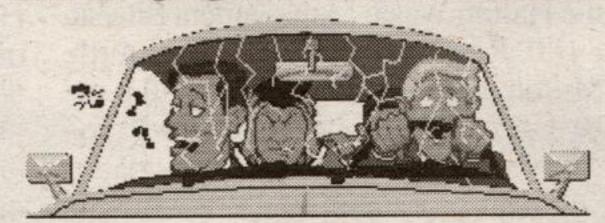
A memorial service at the cemetery follows.

Mark your calendars now! Tues. Oct. 5. Beef Dinner

Light lunch. All welcome.

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