## Halton finds its first mosquito infected with West Nile virus

The Halton Region Health department received confirmation of its first West Nile virus (WNV) positive mosquitoes of 2004.

The mosquitoes were caught in a trap in the Trafalgar Road/Cornwall Road area of Oakville.

"West Nile is clearly present in Halton. We are increasing our surveillance work to keep track of virus activity," said Dr. Bob Nosal, Medical Officer of Health for the Halton Region Health Department. "We are in the

peak risk weeks for human infection. Residents. should continue to ensure their personal protection," he added.

To date, there have been no human cases of WNV in Halton. However, seven dead birds have been confirmed with WNV this year, the latest a blue jay found in Burlington last Friday, the third for that city.

To protect yourself from

Wear light-coloured, loosefitting clothing made of densely woven material including long sleeves, pants, socks and a hat; use a mosquito repellent approved by Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency; ensure that window and door screens are in good condition.

Mosquitoes breed in stagnant water. To reduce mosquito breeding sites around your home: drain any areas of standing water; change the water in birdbaths and empty rain-barrels weekly; remove old tires and turn over pails, toys and wheelbarrows; eavestroughs clear.

Although the number of dead bird sightings throughout Halton is lower than the same period last year, the Health Department continues to use this information as part of the WNV surveillance program. To report dead birds or for more information about WNV, call the Halton Regional Health Department at 905-825-6000 or toll free at 1-866-442-5866.

Maps showing current WNV activity in Halton are available on the website at www.region.halton.on.ca/ health.

## Wants markers...

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country. Months ago, Politi noticed that a grave had no marker, just a red germanium that he later learned had been planted by members of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary during their annual Decoration Day when they tend to the graves of veterans.

"This guy (Rogers) fought for our country in WWI and deserves more than a flower," Politi said on Friday, adding he had a friend make up the cross and then his wife painted it and hand printed the vital details of his life born June 11,1890, died December 20, 1975 - culled from a burial registry book at MacKinnon Family Funeral Home.

"We just thought that it was a shame that this guy had just a little flower marking his grave. This guy fought for us. You can't turn your back on something like that," Politi said, adding when he was getting the details of who the grave belonged to from the funeral home registry, he learned that there are 10 or 11 other unmarked graves of veterans in the Fairview and Dublin Line cemeteries.

Legion member Ab Irwin has spent the last few months trying to find the names and then service record information for those 10 or 11

veterans interred in unmarked graves in hopes of having permanent markers installed under a program offered by the Last Post, a non-profit organization, working on behalf of Veterans Affairs Canada, to ensure that no war veteran or civilian who meets wartime criteria is denied a dignified funeral and grave marker.

"We have to supply them (Last Post) with service records and that information is hard to find in some cases," Irwin said on Friday, adding fellow Legionnaire Dave Crook is helping with the search for information.

Crook said the issue of the unmarked graves came up following the last Decoration Day when auxiliary member Julie Conroy questioned why some veterans' graves were unmarked.

"We've submitted information about the 10 or 11 veterans who are interred in unmarked graves in Acton to Last Post officials, but it's a long drawn-out process," Crook said on Friday.

"We have to supply them with a lot of information, some of which has long been lost – things like regimental numbers - and we've had one that has almost been okayed for a veteran that is buried in Rockwood, but it could take another year before we see any markers" he said, adding he's been told no records can be found for two of the 11 names on the list, possibly indicating they were British army, not Canadian army veterans, and therefore ineligible for the program.

Crook said by the end of the process they hope to have markers on all of the currently unmarked graves of veterans.

"If we can do that it would be kind of nice – I'm sure the families would appreciate it if they were still around."

### New stop signs...

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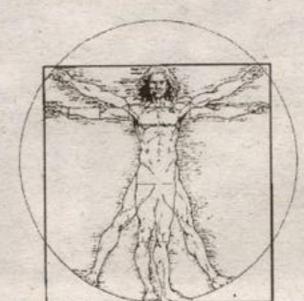
Road between Regional Road 25 and Fourth Line, and addition of a stopping ban zone on both sides of 22 Side Road from the Fourth Line and a point 755 metres westerly

installation of new stop signs for east and westbound traffic of 22 Side Road at Dublin Line making that intersection a four-way stop

increasing the posted speed limit to 70km/h between Dublin Line from Highway 7 to 32 Side Road.

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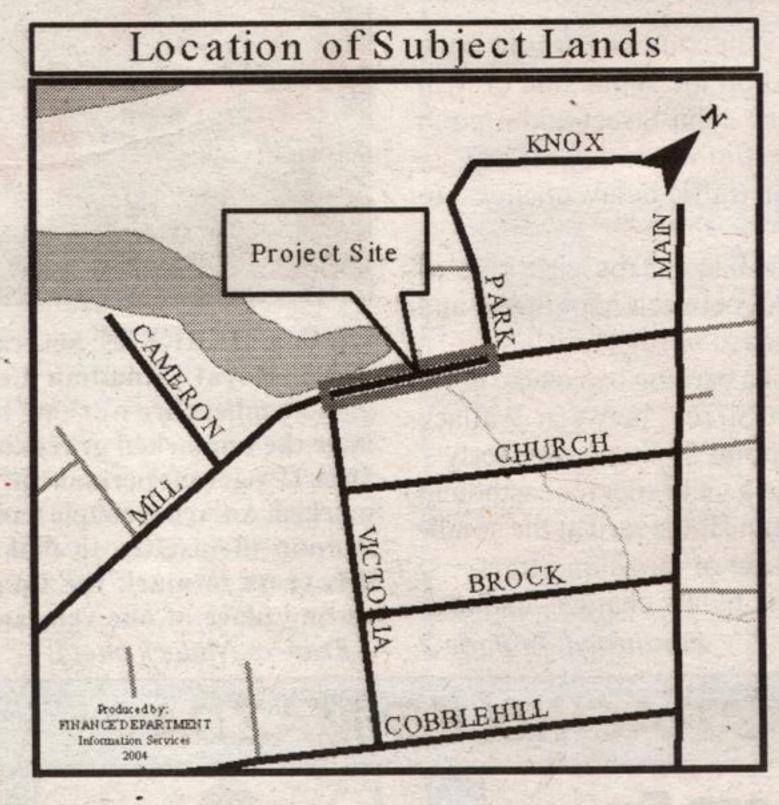
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Inquiries on the details of the maintenance work should be directed to Mr. John Veselisin, District Manager for Orkin PCO Services at 1-905-544-6242 or to Mr. Ted Drewlo, P. Eng., Manager of Public Works at the Town of Halton Hills (905) 873-2601 Extension 2602.

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