

Open air burning requires a permit

Kitchen fires caused

by untended cooking

As the weather warms up and the sun shines, residents want to get out and work off their stored up energy. That sometimes includes burning up brush and fallen tree branches.

But remember that recreational bonfires also require a Permit even if contained in a chimney or factory built fire pot, says the Town's Fire Protection & Prevention Services.

They remind all residents, including farmers, of the need to obtain a Burn Permit prior to conducting any burns. 2004 Permits are now expired and residents are required to call the Fire Department for renewal of their permit.

Presently, there is no fee for

A recent incident has Tom

Robertson, Fire Safety Tech-

nician with the Halton Hills

Fire Protection & Prevention

Services, reminding citizens

to be vigilant when working

The incident resulted in

only minimal damage be-

cause the occupant returned

to the kitchen when they did.

Had they been a little longer,

the damage would have been

increased significantly.

in the kitchen.

the site inspection or the permit and residents are encouraged to call the Fire Department if they have any questions.

Grass and brush fires usually escalate with the coming of Spring, often causing extensive damage as well as threatening buildings and neighbouring properties. Some of these fires can destroy a number of acres and bush before being brought under control by Fire Crews. Following the recommendations and requirements as outlined in the Permit can often save having fire crews respond to an emergency at your residence.

Additional information about obtaining a Permit can be had by calling 905-877-

Robertson says, "it is ex-

tremely crucial to be present

and alert when cooking in the

kitchen," adding that "if you

need to leave the kitchen to

answer the phone or care for

the children, shut the stove

burners off until you return."

Very often it is a simple

distraction that takes your

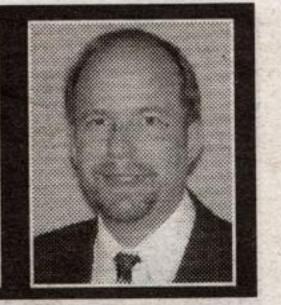
attention away from your

activity and it only takes a

minute or two for the fire to

start, Robertson adds.

Mayor's Corner By Rick Bonnette



Everyone in the pool!

To most of you this gives pleasant thoughts of summer and a warm day sipping a cold beverage, then going for a refreshing dip in the pool. To your Council, pooling has a whole new meaning, and it is not a pleasant one.

When former Premier Mike Harris amalgamated the municipalities of Metro to become the City of Toronto, he put in place pooling. Pooling is money collected by the Region to go directly to Toronto to offset their social costs.

Halton Hills gives \$4 million a year to Toronto. We have no choice! This was legislated by the Province.

Can you imagine what your town could do with this money. If your home is assessed at \$250,000, you will be paying approximately \$175 to the City of Toronto for their social programs.

I don't believe the homeowner should be paying to offset social programs in Toronto! These social programs should not be put on the backs of the property taxpayer. Many municipalities are balking at this concept, including the Town of Halton Hills. We strongly believe that the Province should review their position.

In the category of "you are never too old to play hockey," I take my hat off to all the participants of the Sports Unlimited Oldtimers Hockey Tournament. There were five divisions that included a team of 65 years and older. Yes, you read this right! One centreman was 75 years old, and skated like the wind. The tournament welcomed a team from St. John's Newfoundland. Former long time Treasurer and CAO of our town, Ray King, also played.

On March 3, the Gordon Morton 9th annual Fun Day Bowling Tournament was held. Accolades to Gordon for organizing this event. I witnessed seniors from Acton, Georgetown, Milton, and Streetsville all enjoying themselves at the Georgetown Bowling Lanes.

Kudos to the recently announced 2004 Citizens of the Year - Tom Schenk in Georgetown, and Linda Dougherty in Acton. By all accounts, two worthy choices!

The Mayor's Showcase is presently displaying the unique works of art of John Tatham. The display includes hand painted canoe paddles, and wood burned and hand painted pictures.

Keeping it real! I can be reached by telephone at 905-873-2601, ext. 2342, or by e-mail at mayor@haltonhills.ca



First Time Home Buyers Interactive Workshop

GUEST SPEAKERS

Norm Paget - Re/Max Sales Representative

Richard Howitt - Legal Council + CMHC Representative

Sharon Arnold, Senior Financial Services Officer, Prosperity One

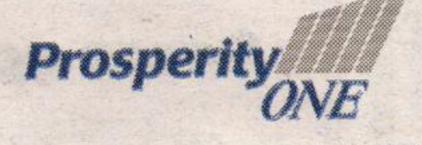
We will discuss such things as:

- + "Flex Down" CMHC's program
- + Using your RRSP or 5% down
- + How much money you need
- + What is comfortably affordable
- + Closing costs

WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT North Halton Golf & Country Club 363 Maple Avenue West, Georgetown

Tues., April 12th, 2005 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

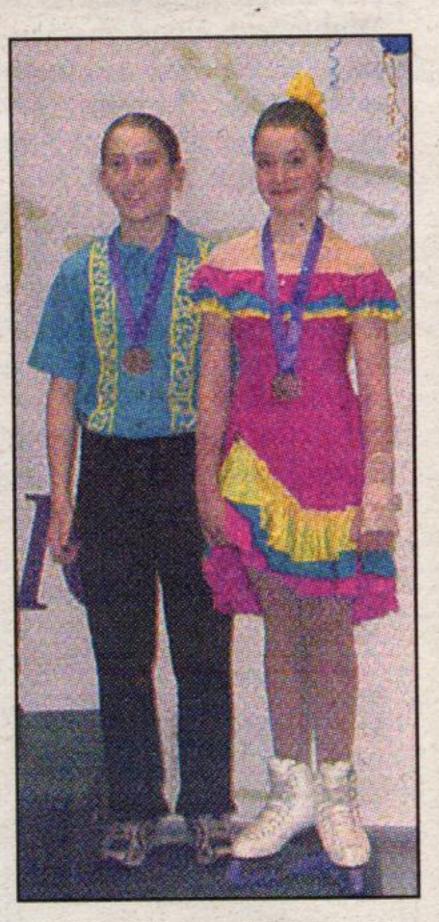
Door Prizes Refreshments & Light Snacks







ADMISSION IS FREE, however limited seating is available. To reserve your place call: Sharon Arnold at 905-877-6926 Ext. 225 or Norm Paget, RE/MAX Real Estate Centre Inc. at 905-877-5211



BRONZE MEDAL: Acton's Rebecca Nelles and her partner Dylan Simpson from Kitchener-Waterloo won a Bronze medal in Juvenile dance at the 2005 Ontario Trillium Cup this weekend. This rounds out a very successful season for the pair who have only been skating together for a year. Rebecca represents the Guelph Figure Skating Club and trains with her partner in Kitchener. - Submitted photo



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