

Happy 50th Anniversary



We Cordially invite you to an open house to celebrate the 50th anniversary of George and Margaret Wallis on April 26, 1998 at the Ballinafad Community Centre from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Best Wishes only

Town okays new dog licensing program

A new dog licensing program being introduced by Halton Hills council should save the town about \$40,000 this year and ensure many more dogs are licensed and vaccinated annually for rabies.

At the general committee meeting Monday night, Halton Hills council members gave the go-ahead to the program on a one-year trial basis.

The town's current program has not been that successful. A staff report states only 2,396 of the esti-

mated 8,259 dogs in the town are licensed. The current dog licensing and canine control program costs taxpayers about \$65,000 a year. Under the new program it's estimated the cost of the program this year will be only \$12,520 and in future years about \$7,195.

The first step will be to do a dog census which will get underway this summer.

Three students will knock on all doors in the town to get an accurate count on the number of dogs, and hand out information packets to dog owners, which will likely include a licence application and information about licensing and rabies vaccinations.

The dog census will provide the town with an accurate record of who owns a dog, and who hasn't bought a licence.

Enforcement is a key aspect of the success of the program. Dog owners who insist on not licensing their dogs will be fined, up to a maximum of \$5,000 if it goes to court, or \$100 if it is settled through an out-of-court payment.

"Nothing would please us more if everyone came in and got their licence," said Bob Ustrzycki, the town's law enforcement and licensing officer.

Under the new program dog licences will be available through veterinarian offices and the Civic Centre. At a cost of \$20 annually dog owners will renew licences on the anniversary date of purchase. There will be no licence fee for seeing eye dogs and seniors will only pay \$10.

Dog owners will retain the original serial number and tag for the life of their dog.

Dog owners will not be able to renew their licences unless their dog has had its annual rabies shot.

Instead of dog tags, dog owners will have the option of having a micro-chip implanted in their dog for permanent identification. Those who opt for micro-chip implantation will have to pay their vet for the procedure, less than \$60, plus a one-time licence fee of \$40.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

65th Anniversary Ray & Mary Harley



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Dog owners like Jason Juelsberg, here with Sabre, face a new dog licensing system next year which will ensure more licensed and vaccinated dogs. Photo by Herb Garbutt

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Local man facing drug, driving charges

A Georgetown man faces several charges after he failed to stop for a police cruiser that was attempting to pull him over for a traffic violation Monday afternoon.

At about 2:45 p.m. a Halton Police officer directed the driver to pull over. The cruiser's lights and sirens were activated but the driver did not stop until he reached a River Dr. home.

When police checked the vehicle

they found about 230 grams of marijuana.

Charged is Gary Brown, 35, with unnecessary noise, failing to stop when directed, no licence, using a plate not authorized for a vehicle, driving while suspended and no insurance. He also faces a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Also charged with possession of a controlled substance was Tania Bowler, 24, of River Dr.

Junior/Senior Kindergarten Registration For September 1998

Halton Catholic District School Board

ADVANCED registration for those children who will be attending Junior and Senior Kindergarten (not currently registered) in the Catholic Schools in Burlington, Oakville, Milton, Georgetown and Acton will be held at all schools on

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

April 15 and 16, 1998

9:00 a.m. to noon

1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

AGE OF ADMISSION AND REQUIREMENTS

Junior Kindergarten

Children are required to be 4 years of age on or before December 31, 1998.

Senior Kindergarten

Children are required to be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 1998.

- ◆ Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate required.
- ◆ Before registration is finalized, a child will have completed the prescribed program of immunization for diphtheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps and rubella.
- ◆ Families registering for the first time at a school are requested to provide the child's medical card at the time of registration.
- ◆ For further information or alternate registration date, please contact the principal of your nearest Catholic School.

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