



Town employees honored

Halton Hills Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson presents three members of the Town of Halton Hills public works staff with the 1999 Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) Achievement Award. Accepting the award from the mayor were (from left) Todd Cronkright, engineering design co-ordinator; Ron Goddard, supervisor of capital works and Kevin Chalmers, seniors works technician. The award is based on work designed and completed on 10 Sideroad, near Andrews Scenic Acres, and according to the NEC "exhibits an exceptional degree of compatibility, creative and imaginative design and landscaping that integrates the development into the escarpment environment... It's an excellent example of a public program that was carefully designed and executed and the rural character of the existing roadway has been maintained."

Photo by Ted Brown

Band concert Nov. 28

Acton Citizens' Band prepares for its busiest musical season

What would Christmas be without the familiar sound of the Acton Citizens' Band?

In the Acton Santa Claus Parade on Nov. 20, you know that the big man himself is on his way when the Acton Citizens' Band in their bright red parkas pass by playing a lively Christmas march.

The band is preparing for the busy Christmas season— Santa Claus parades in Acton, Georgetown and Burlington, playing for the Acton Seniors dinner on Nov. 30, caroling on Dec. 22 and of course, the annual Christmas concert on Sunday, Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m. at the Acton Legion.

I've been playing in the band since I was 15, going on nine years now. Band members have come and gone, the repertoire changes from year to year but one thing remains constant; the band's mission to provide the community with entertainment and interested persons to play with one of the most unique groups in the province.

I say unique because we are one of the few community concert/marching bands left and we are definitely one of the oldest.

At 127 years the Acton Citizens' Band keeps its members young. At practice there is a special bond between the young members and the members who are young at heart.

The band currently has approximately 50 members on record and we are always welcoming new players. There are also beginner classes available for those who wish to learn to play an instrument. Anyone interested in joining the band or a beginner class should contact bandmaster George Elliott at 853-0365.

As mentioned earlier, the Acton Citizens' Band will be holding its annual Christmas concert on Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m. at the Acton Legion. This year the concert will feature not only the band but also the St. Joseph's Church Choir and Rod's Country Classics and Friends, an olde time country group.

We look forward to seeing the community at the legion. If you have never been to an Acton Citizens' Band concert, the time to attend is now. It's our last concert of the millennium and we are looking to enter 2000 in perfect pitch.

—By Jennifer Mitchell, special

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