



Halloween happenings

The downtowns of Georgetown and Acton were scary places to be Saturday as the BIA's of both towns offered trick or treating for local youngsters. (Left) My Home Town employee Doreen Vandersluis gives up some treats to alien Walter Steinegger, 10, of Georgetown while (right) Becky Martin, 7, of Acton checks out the mystery goo in the haunted house, alias the old YMCA building on Mill Street.

Photos by Yvonne Gaynor



Cite high failure rate Residents want wells tested

A group of Sixth Line Halton Hills residents have petitioned for the town's support to have their area's rural wells tested by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) for chemical contaminants.

In a round of recent bacteria testing of the wells, the neighbors are finding a high failure rate. In addition to this bacterial concern, they are wondering if a salvage yard located in the area could add an additional danger of chemical pollution.

Resident Ted Brankiewicz spoke to council at a recent meeting, saying, "We basically need a site inspection and an environmental assessment of this yard. It shouldn't be there at all; it's on a watershed."

Brankiewicz said residents have reported the wrecking yard to the MOE.

Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson confirmed that she also spoke to the MOE and requested MOE action in July. An inspection was done, and Serjeantson was told recently that "remediation" was ordered at the wrecking yard, but no chemical contaminants were found in the wells. "But that has not been put into writing," said Serjeantson.

Council also voted to send a copy of the seven-page, 50-name petition to Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh for his assistance.

"We just thought the town should know what's going on. After all, they do license these places, they should know at least what level of pollution is going on," said Brankiewicz.

Meanwhile, council approved the extension of licences for all salvage yards to May 31, 2001. The extension is the third automatic extension since last spring when town staff was to have reviewed the town bylaw on the salvage yards. The new bylaw is scheduled for council approval sometime next February or March.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

Glen hosts all-candidates meeting

The Glen Williams Community Association is sponsoring an all-candidates meeting at the Glen Williams Town Hall on Thursday, Nov. 2, at 7:30 p.m.

The candidates who have been invited include those running for mayor (Marilyn Serjeantson, Kathy Gastle, Robert Heaton), Ward 2 local councillor (Kevin Kuiack, Joan Robson, Bryan Lewis) and Wards 1/2 regional councillor (Rick Bonnette and Rita Landry).

What You Said

'Do you plan on attending this year's Remembrance Day ceremonies at the refurbished Remembrance Park?'



John Wemyss, Georgetown

"I always do. I was at the dedication this past Saturday, and I'll be sure to be there Sunday, as I always have."



Dave Barclay, Norval

"Probably. I think that facelift is about as nice a thing that's been done in Georgetown in years. I'm very pleased with it."



Tom Politi, Georgetown

"Yes I do plan on going. I think it's a fitting tribute to the men and women who lost their lives. The park is simply gorgeous."



Charles (Jimmy) Valentine, Georgetown

"I'll certainly be there. I think that park is the most wonderful thing that's happened in Georgetown. I don't think there's a nicer memorial between here and Ottawa."



Mary McDonald, Georgetown

"I think I will attend. I saw the park on my way to the Bennett Centre last week. It looks beautiful."

Opponent's complaint against mayor unfounded

A complaint filed by mayoral candidate Robert Heaton against Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson has been deemed unfounded by the town clerk.

Heaton said he filed the complaint against the mayor Wednesday for using the chain of office and the town's logo in her flyer.

"She shouldn't be doing this, feathering her own nest," said Heaton. "Hopefully this will disqualify her."

"I found his claim to be unfounded," said town clerk Karen Landry. She said she informed Heaton of that in a letter Thursday, and said he should contact the Ministry of Municipal Affairs if he had further inquiries on the issue.

"To me there was no contravention of any legislation," said Landry.

"Rob followed the process and the process worked," said Serjeantson.

She said she is wearing her chain of office in her flyer which includes pictures of her on the job.

Stephen Stein, senior policy advisor with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, said there is nothing in the Municipal Election Act that says a candidate can't use a chain of office in their flyer.

"It's a grey area. It's not an open and shut situation," said Stein.

He said the clerk has the right to make a ruling on the complaint, but if the person who made the complaint wasn't satisfied he could file an appeal with the provincial court.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

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