

Letters to the editor... letters to the editor... letters to the editor...

JA seeks volunteers

Dear editor,
 Re: Letter to the editor, JA thanks community advisors (July 20).
 You are welcome! Recognition of volunteer activities is always appreciated, but no more so than when the volunteer activity you are involved in has such a profound impact on the youth in our community.
 I cannot say enough about the excellent business education programs that Junior Achievement of Halton staff and volunteers deliver across the region. From in-school programs informing students about business basics (elementary school) and the economics of staying in school (middle school) to after-school programs where high school students run their own business, Junior Achievement of Halton and its many volunteers offer practical business experience and information to the youth in our region.
 Junior Achievement of Halton's mission statement is "To educate and inspire the youth of Halton to value free enterprise, understand business and economics and develop entrepreneurial and leadership skills."
 As a long-time volunteer with JA, thanks are not necessary. The best thanks of all is making a difference and having a positive impact on today's youth—our future business leaders.
 Junior Achievement of Halton is continuously seeking volunteers in many capacities, such as delivering programs, fund-raising activities or committee work—all of which help achieve the organization's mission. Over the last year, JA of Halton had more than 150 volunteers involved in delivering programs to more than 2,100 students in our region. Imagine how many students can be reached with more volunteers and imagine the sense of pride and self-fulfillment you can have by volunteering to educate and inspire our youth.
 Not only am I a volunteer, but I am also the acting chairman of the board of JA of Halton. Join us in helping serve our community by calling JA of Halton at 905-637-7200.

Jamie Shumacker, Georgetown

Donations needed now for Bread Basket

Dear editor,
 As a relatively new Georgetown resident, I recently started volunteering at the Georgetown Bread Basket.
 I am amazed by two things.
 First, by the number of people in need of the food bank. With your help, we fed 61 children and 65 adults in August.
 Second, by your generosity. Each year Georgetown residents donate more than 40,000 lbs. of food.
 When the kids headed back to school recently I thought about how much the children need a healthy lunch to learn. Our supplies are low at the Thanksgiving time of year at a time when the children need us most. We especially need snacks for school lunches, drinking boxes, peanut butter, canned meats, Cheese Whiz, baby food and money to provide milk vouchers to children.
 Please drop a donation of food into our collection bins at Loblaw's, A&P or Food Basics on your next visit, or stop by the food bank any Wednesday or Saturday morning from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Unit 12, 55 Sinclair Avenue. Your donations mean the world to those in need.
 Thanks for giving this Thanksgiving from the recipients and volunteers of the Georgetown Bread Basket.

Jaret Henhoeffler,
 director and volunteer,
 Georgetown Bread Basket

Summer volunteers thanked

Dear editor,
 The Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with our summer camps and aquatics programs this past summer.
 Through July and August, 83 youth volunteers dedicated a total of more than 2,500 hours to helping the children in our programs. These young people are full of energy, enthusiasm and excitement. They are willing to help the children in our programs any way they can. Their commitment and dedication to the town is wonderful. They took on tasks readily and were a great asset to our programs. We really appreciated their help this summer and could not have operated our programs without them.
 "Youth volunteers are not leaders of tomorrow, not the hope of the future—rather they are the leaders of today and the future is now."
 If you would like to volunteer for our fall or winter programs, please contact me at 905-873-2601 ext 2281 or e-mail at a_neilson5@yahoo.ca.

Andrea Neilson,
 co-ordinator of youth
 volunteer services

Town should target drinkers as well as smokers

Dear editor,
 I have been reading how our council wants to make our town and all of Halton smoke-free as quickly as possible.
 I have a suggestion to make our town perfect: Let's make it drink-free while we're at it.
 Never a day goes by that I don't hear how a carload of people, or people just crossing the street, were killed by a drunk driver or about people fighting inside and outside bars. However, I have yet to hear that a carload of people were killed by someone smoking and driving.
 I do not smoke but I think council is certainly giving smokers a bad rap. We don't have to have extra police looking out for smokers. Smokers are good citizens and pay their taxes too. This is also their town.

June Cook, Georgetown

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