

Police warn about contest scams —follow these precautions—

Halton Regional Police are warning the public to be cautious when responding to winning offers received through the mail or unsolicited phone calls after three Oakville seniors were taken in by contest scams.

Bank staff at an Oakville bank were suspicious of an elderly customer's request to withdraw a large sum of money to send to an unidentified company.

The customer told bank staff she had won \$220,000 U.S. and needed to send in more than \$5,000 to cover duty and taxes. She produced a number of \$1 cheques in U.S. funds as proof of her anticipated winnings.

The staff knew of two other seniors who were also taken in by the scam.

Police say contests demanding a pay-

ment in order to receive their prize are not legitimate.

They urge the public to take precautions against getting scammed:

- Don't send money to a company as a requirement to receive money.
- Don't send money to a P.O. box number or overseas, until you have checked the company out through the proper agencies.
- Don't give out financial information or banking information to any company you haven't checked out.

• Beware of companies that ask you to keep the details private from family or friends.

Often the elderly and vulnerable are targeted in scams. Police encourage family members concerned their elderly relatives may be involved in a scam to contact police.

FIRE BRIEFS

Acton Arena equipment damaged

About \$3,000 damage was caused to a snowblower and other equipment in a storage shed behind Acton Arena Monday night.

A spokesperson for Halton Hills Fire Department said an arena employee noticed smoke coming from the rear of the arena about 10:45 p.m. He went to investigate and discovered it was coming from the locked shed.

The fire department was called and when they arrived they found a snowblower on fire.

The fire was extinguished and at press time the cause of the blaze was undetermined and being investigated by Halton Police and the fire department.

Furnace overheats

Firefighters from the District One station responded to a report of a house full of smoke on Longfield Road last Wednesday. Firefighters found that the furnace motor in the home had overheated. The home was ventilated and deodorized.

Kitchen fire in Georgetown

A kitchen fire summoned District Two firefighters to a John Street residence last Thursday. The contents of a glass bowl on the stove caught fire after the wrong burner was accidentally turned on. Firefighters extinguished the fire before any significant damage was done.

Meat inspector charged with breach of trust

Halton Police charged a former provincial meat inspector last Thursday with breach of trust in connection with inspection of slaughtered pigs at a Halton Hills abattoir between 1997 and 2000.

Police began the investigation after they were contacted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs which had received information from a former employee of the abattoir.

Charged is Frank Mattes, 58, of Truscott Dr., Mississauga.

Also, as a result of the investigation, a Milton man, who owns Town and Country Farms on Steeles Ave., has been charged with fraud under \$5,000.

That charge relates to government tax deductions from the cheque of an employee.

Charged is Michael Dorgo, 42, of Syer Dr.

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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF HALTON NOTICE TO CITIZENS

Are You Interested In Offering Your Expertise By Participating In Housing And Homelessness Issues Within Halton Region?

The Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton is advertising for two Halton residents to be appointed to the Halton Housing Advisory Committee for a term concluding on November 30, 2003.

The mandate/purpose of the Advisory Committee is broad. It is developing a community vision and integrated strategy regarding housing in Halton to:

- focus on and oversee housing issues in Halton;
- monitor trends and identify housing-related items of relevance to Halton's Official Plan;
- initiate research on community issues affecting housing;
- monitor research from other jurisdictions; and
- provide advice to Regional council on its findings.

Meetings are currently held monthly on the first Thursday of each month in the Halton Regional Centre from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., but are subject to change based on the needs of Committee members. Additional hours may be required depending on the option of sub-committee involvement. For more information call Jim Murphy, Housing Policy Analyst, at ext. 7194.

Regional council wishes to ensure that its boards and committees reflect the diverse nature of its community and invites all residents of Halton to consider this opportunity.

The Health and Social Services Interview Committee will recommend qualified candidates for these positions to Regional Council.

Application forms for these appointments may be obtained from:

The Office of the Regional Clerk
Regional Municipality of Halton
1151 Bronte Road
Oakville, ON L6M 3L1

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Phone: 905-825-6000 ext. 7237 or 7254
Toll Free: 1-866-442-5866 ext. 7237 or 7254
TTY: 905-827-9833 ext. 7237 or 7254
e-mail: RegionalClerk@region.halton.on.ca

Completed applications will be received by the undersigned until Friday, October 19, 2001. You will be contacted regarding the date and time of the interview.

Tina Agnello, Regional Clerk



Attention Residents of Georgetown



HALTON REGION'S WATERMAIN CLEANING PROGRAM FOR 2001

As part of Halton's ongoing watermain maintenance program Regional staff and our contractor will be cleaning the watermains in the Town of Georgetown commencing the week of **SEPTEMBER 23, 2001**. This work will continue for approximately 4 weeks.

Our 2001 Watermain Cleaning Program will cover the areas bounded by Maple Avenue, Guelph Street, and Hall Road, including Norval and Georgetown South, as well as the industrial area north of Guelph Street between Mountainview Road and Delrex Blvd.

There may be some inconveniences to you during our operation. Discoloured water is discharged during cleaning and to avoid having it enter your home/place of business please follow the steps noted below:

- Do not use water between the times indicated on your **BLUE LETTER**, which we will provide to you approximately 2 days prior to working on your street.
- When we are finished for the day on your street (times indicated in the **BLUE LETTER**) please turn on your cold water tap in your basement and let it run until the water is clear.

To keep informed of our progress, check the ads in this newspaper again and look for our **BLUE LETTER** in your mailbox for the dates we'll be working on your street.

Questions? Please call the Planning & Public Works Department at 905-825-6000, ext. 7704, 7705 or 7706 or toll free 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866) Regional staff will be available to answer your questions.



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