

Parents urged to fight for busing

A Georgetown parent is calling on other parents for support to maintain busing to Georgetown South for students at Georgetown District High School and Centennial Middle School.

Nancy Deligiannis will make a delegation at Wednesday's board meeting in

Burlington and has asked parents to attend. The board is currently reviewing transportation policy exemptions in order to balance its budget. It will not make a decision on the issue at the meeting but will hear the parents' case for maintaining the busing, even though areas of Georgetown South fall within the board's guidelines (3.2 km for middle school, 4.8 km for high school) for not providing busing. The board currently spends \$104,000 to provide busing to Georgetown South.

Deligiannis said safety is the key issue. She said the Hungry Hollow bridge is rarely cleared for students in winter and that many students on the west side of town will use Eighth Line, a narrow road without sidewalks, as a shortcut if they have to walk.

"If we don't fight for it, there will be more opportunity for (the board) to push it through," Deligiannis said.

Board chair and Halton Hills Trustee Ethel Gardiner said she will support the continuation of busing.

"I took the motion to the board two years ago and it passed but I have no idea how trustees will react given the current financial situation," she said.

Gardiner said Georgetown students don't have the option of public transportation that is available in Oakville and Burlington.

She said transportation is underfunded by the government, with 62 of 72 boards in Ontario spending more on transportation than they were allocated by the government.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



Citizen honoured

Acton Citizen of the Year Gary Barton was surrounded by family and friends last weekend as he was honoured by the Acton Rotary Club at its annual Citizen of the Year Award dinner at Blue Springs Golf Club. Barton, a local pharmacist, was named the winner in March.

Photo by Eve Martin

Bang-o-Rama promises day of fun Monday

Georgetown will celebrate Queen Victoria's birthday with a bang this Monday when the Georgetown Optimist Club hosts Bang-o-Rama.

The carnival day and fireworks show at the Georgetown Fairgrounds gets under way at 10 a.m.—rain or shine.

The midway and park opens at 10 a.m. (In fact, the midway runs all weekend, starting at 4 p.m. today (Friday). Admission to the park is free except on Monday.)

At 11 a.m. the classic car show begins. Starting at 3 p.m. music groups and bands take the stage. At 4 p.m. the Demolition Car Derby provides the thrills, followed by more

entertainment acts at 6 p.m. A two-hour fireworks show begins at 9:30 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$5 per person or \$20 per family (two adults with children). There will be two gates; Park Ave. (at Charles St.) and Hyde Park Dr. (at Park Public School).

Parking is limited and the club is urging residents to park elsewhere, and walk or take shuttle transportation.

Discount Car & Truck will be cruising the downtown Georgetown area and picking up people as they walk towards the Fairgrounds. Meanwhile Laidlaw Transit will pick people up in three locations at: Georgetown Cinemas, GO parking lot and the Civic Centre parking lot.

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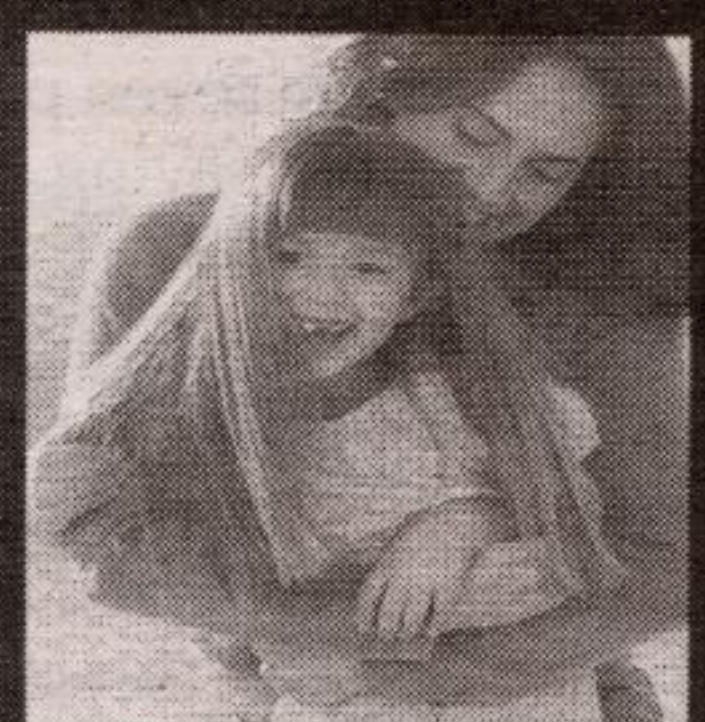
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