

Editorial

Tricks for treating

For many, Halloween is the best event of the whole year. On what other day can you dress up in fun or fiendish costumes, demand candy or promise a trick?

But as always, with fun must come caution and Halton Regional Police have released plenty of tips to keep children safe tomorrow night. These include:

- Younger children should always be accompanied by an adult; older children with at least two friends on a planned route
- Costumes should be visible, and trick-or-treaters should carry flashlights. Use make-up on the face, and if masks are worn, make sure eye openings don't restrict vision.
- Don't eat any treats until parents have inspected them.
- Accept treats at the door only— never enter a stranger's home and visit homes only where the lights are on.
- If a stranger approaches, head to any lighted house and ask them to contact parents or the police.

Motorists should also have extra patience on Halloween night and watch for excited little ghouls and goblins darting across the streets. Homeowners should make sure the paths to their front door is clear of obstacles and that pumpkins are in a secure place.

Halloween night should be a memory all children would cherish in the years to come; not a haunting nightmare— be safe.



Letters to the editor...

There's no 'free' enterprise with a smoking bylaw

Dear editor,

The issue off a no-smoking bylaw has been popping up for quite some time now and is still

not resolved, although neighbouring municipalities have already gone non-smoking. I give some credit to our council members; they at least find it difficult to dictate how people should live their lives.

This letter is not about the evils of smoking or about the virtues of a smoking ban. It is about the right of a business owner to manager his business as he sees fit. Business owners pay taxes, they buy business licences, insurance and are responsible for operating and maintenance costs. I doubt very much if the town would like to subsidize them in any way, so what gives the town the right to dictate to them a policy, which may restrict their earnings?

It was reported in a recent issue of *The National Post* that the City of Calgary voted down a smoking ban proposal in favour of allowing business owners to choose which way they want to go, and requiring that they post an entry-

way sign designating their establishments as smoking or non-smoking. It is refreshing to see that one city in Canada still believes in "free" enterprise.

Eileen Hutcheson,
Acton

Bylaw is 'progress'

Dear editor,

Re: Council delays meeting on smoking bylaw (Oct. 18 *Independent & Free Press*).

To be against the elimination of cancer-causing smoking environments in pubs and restaurants because the owners will lose business is like being against polio vaccinations for children in the 1950's because the manufacturers of leg braces and crutches would lose business.

For public health to improve, some businesses have to change the way they operate. It's just progress.

Thomas Kingston, Georgetown

Fox run support fantastic

Dear editor,

The Terry Fox Foundation's slogan for the 2002 Terry Fox Run was "Lead by Example." As a community, Georgetown did just that!

Despite unpredictable skies, more than 457 participants and volunteers joined together to continue their commitment and dedication to Terry's dream of finding a cure for cancer. Total pledges and donations for this year's run totalled over \$37,000.

On behalf of this year's DEDICATED committee, we would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to all of the businesses, groups and individuals who supported the run in one way or another.

Also, a very big thank you to all volunteers who helped out before, during and after the run, to all who sponsored participants or donated directly to the run, and to all who collected pledges and participated. Thanks to all businesses who provided pledge sheets and posters and to all banks for processing pledge forms.

Again, thanks to everyone involved in this year's run. With your continued support, cancer will be beaten.

Jen & Kyle Goodlet, organizers,
Georgetown Terry Fox Run

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