

# Prepare an extended leave checklist

**A**re you going on vacation this winter? Many snowbirds travel south for months at a time, and some people seek warmer climates for a week at a time. Either way, it is a good idea to take some measures to keep your home safe while you are away.

- Inform a trusted neighbour of your departure and return dates. Be careful not to broadcast the fact that you will be away.

- Where possible, cancel deliveries. Ask a neighbour or make arrangements with a relative or good friend to pick up newspapers and mail, and to put some garbage at the curb on garbage day. The more you can do to make your home look lived-in, the less likely it is that a break-in will occur.

- Ask a neighbour to park in your driveway, especially in winter, where snow will build up and make your home look unoccupied.

- Arrange to have someone shovel the sidewalks and drive-

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way. At the very least have someone drive up and down the driveway to leave tracks in the snow.

- Small valuables should be stored in a safe deposit box or home safe.

- Use timers to activate interior and exterior lights. Use motion-activated lights on the outside also.

- Have someone check inside your house on a regular basis if you are away for extended periods. This may be a requirement to keep your insurance policy in effect. You should check with your broker or agent.

- Lock your garage door.

- When you do go to the airport, make sure that the tags on your luggage don't advertise which house is going to be empty. Use tags that have a flap to hide the label.

- Use traveler's cheques rather than cash, and take special precautions with your passports and credit cards. Just because you are on vacation, it doesn't mean that the criminals are!

- Make sure that you leave a contact number where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

Now that I have made you really paranoid, enjoy your trip! Seriously, if you take care of these matters before you go, you will have peace of mind while you travel.

If you would like more information about this or other police matters, contact me at 905-878-5511 ext. 2120 or through e-mail at laurel.barnett@hrps.on.ca

*—Const. Laurel Barnett is the Community Support Officer for 1 Division*

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## CORRECTION

In the November 27, 2002 issue of the Independent & Free Press, the Georgetown Toyota advertisement was incorrect. It should have read as follows:

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**Acton Jr.  
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[www.ymca-toronto.org](http://www.ymca-toronto.org)

The Acton Jr. YMCA Child Care Centre is currently accepting fall registrations.

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**Guide to the Outdoors**

**Julie Pomeroy**

Come, join us for Norval's 10th Annual Montgomery Christmas Celebration this Saturday. It's a great opportunity to shop for Christmas while enjoying the Country festivities. From 10-4 we will have woodcarving demonstrations by a group of 7 Ontario Woodcarvers. There will be a Kid's Activity Centre. Children can choose from a number of different crafts to make at \$2 each. All funds raised go to support Riverfest 2003. The Norval Community Association will have displays, home-made preserves, heritage seeds & more for sale along with refreshments and a raffle—all prizes donated. One of the highlights will be the beautiful music of Anneliese Cameron on Harp from 1-3. Her CD's are on sale in the shop now. More details on Village events at [www.canoe-country.com/montgom.htm](http://www.canoe-country.com/montgom.htm)

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## Churches & Temples

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Georgetown Alliance Church</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>"A growing family of people"</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday Worship*</b> at 9:00 &amp; 11:00 AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>* A Nursery &amp; Sunday School is provided during both services</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;">290 Main St. (S. of Maple) (905) 873-0249</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Take time to worship at one of Halton Hills' Churches or Temples</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 116 Main St. S. MINISTER - ROBERT SPENCER MORNING WORSHIP &amp; SUNDAY SCHOOL 11 A.M. TIME FOR REFLECTION AND RENEWAL Ministers/Secretary's Office 905-877-7585</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. Alban's Anglican Church</b> SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Church School &amp; Nursery) 877-8323 537 Main St., Glen Williams Pastor: The Rev. Michael Calderwood</p>
<p><b>GEORGETOWN CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH</b> welcomes you!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pastor Mark Verbruggen Sunday Worship Services: 10:00 am &amp; 6:00 pm 11611 Trafalgar Road (north of Maple Avenue) 877-4322 <a href="http://www.gcrc.on.ca">www.gcrc.on.ca</a></p>	
<p><b>NORVAL Presbyterian Church</b> Service &amp; Sunday School 11:15 am 905-877-8867 499 Guelph St., Norval, Ont.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOUNT ZION FULL GOSPEL MINISTRIES</b> <small>(Affiliated with Gospel Crusade of Canada Ministries)</small></p> <p style="text-align: center;">A Life changing ministry <i>"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">BALLINAFAD COMMUNITY CENTRE downstairs ALL WELCOME Sunday Worship 11a.m. PASTOR ANDREW G. PATON (COUNSELLING AVAILABLE) (519) 853-5657</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church for people who think, feel &amp; seek Sunday 10 AM Georgetown Cinemas 235 Guelph St. (905)873-5433 <a href="http://www.thegathering.ca">www.thegathering.ca</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>The Gathering this week "God is with us and for us."</small></p>	