Pull over when lights are flashing

If you look in the rear-view mirror and see flashing red Llights, what would you do? Would you:

1. Figure the cops were after someone else, so continue driving

2. Finish your phone call, because that is more important anyway

3. Pull over to the right and stop

4. Finish shaving or applying lipstick, because you want to look your best when you receive a ticket

I hope most of you picked num-ber three. I know some people picked one and two, because I've been behind them in a cruiser, and that is assuming everyone even looks in the rear-view mirror.

Red lights could mean a number of things. It could mean you have committed a Highway Traffic Act (HTA) infraction, and are about to meet one of Halton's finest. It could be that there is an emergency somewhere else, and the cruiser behind you just wants to get there. An ambulance could be trying to get to an emergency, or is trying to get a critically ill or injured patient to the hospital. There may be a fire, and the red lights behind you belong to the Halton Hills Fire Department.

Section 159 (1) of the HTA tells "the driver of a vehicle, upon the approach of an ambulance, fire or police department vehicle or public utility emergency vehicle upon which a bell or siren is sounding or



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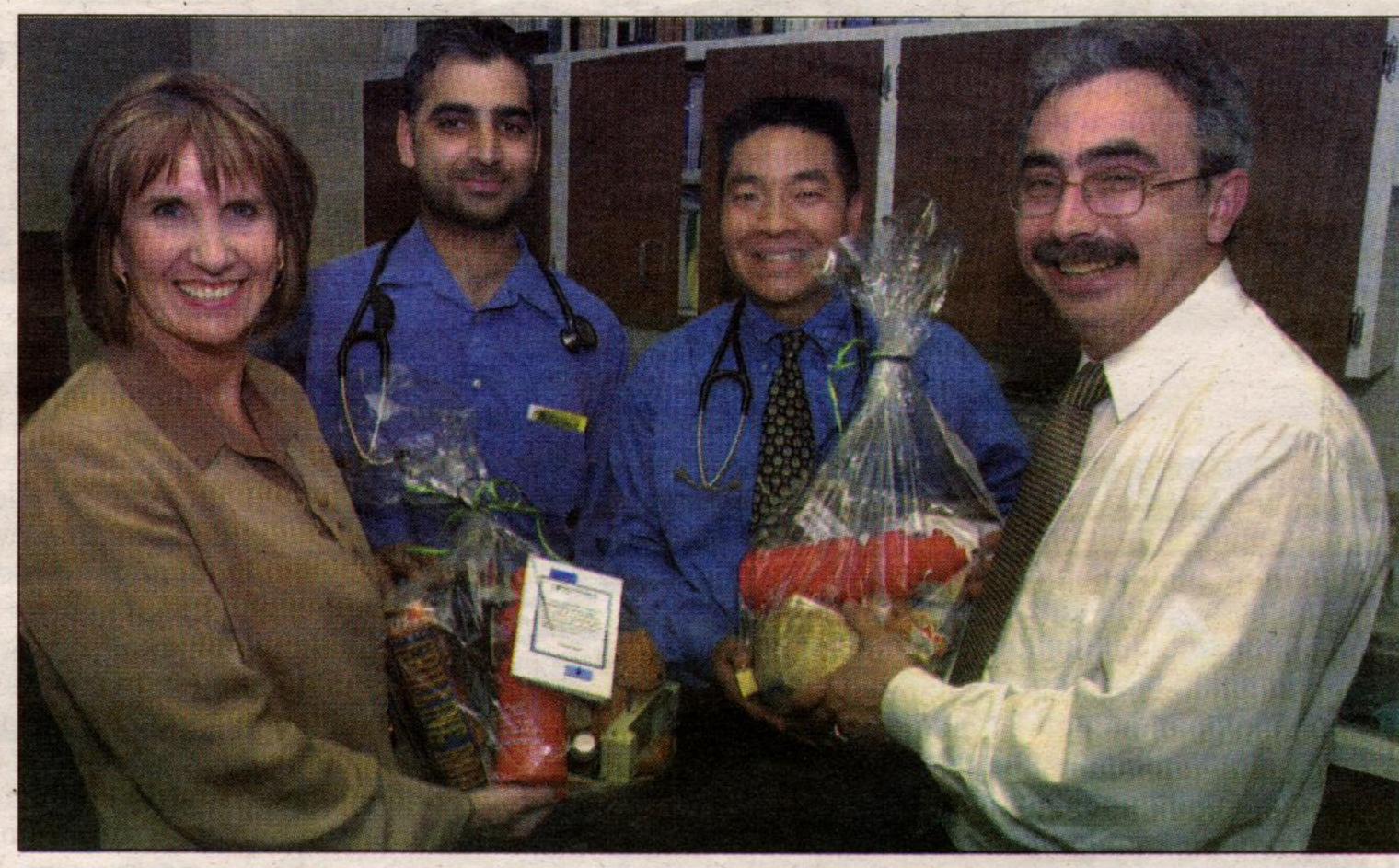
upon with a lamp is producing intermittent flashes of red light, shall immediately bring such vehicle to a standstill, (a) as near as is practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway...."

So there you have it. Pull over to the right and stop. You may be allowing the ambulance, fire truck or police car to get to your house to deal with a life-threatening emer-

You may also see green flashing lights that many of our part-time firefighters have on their own vehicles. These lights alert other drivers that a firefighter is responding to the station to answer a call. You should let these vehicles pass unobstructed so they can get to the fire hall.

If you have any questions or concerns about these or any other police matters, contact me at 905-878-5511 ext 2120 or laurel.barnett@hrps.on.ca

—Const. Laurel Barnett is the community support officer for 1 Division



THANKS DOCS: Halton Hills Mayor Kathy Gastle and Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce president Norm Paget (right) made the rounds Tuesday to visit all of Halton Hills' doctors to give them a gift basket in appreciation of their contribution to the town. Doctors Yasar Razvi (second from left) and Wei Chu were among those who were recognized. Photo by Ted Brown

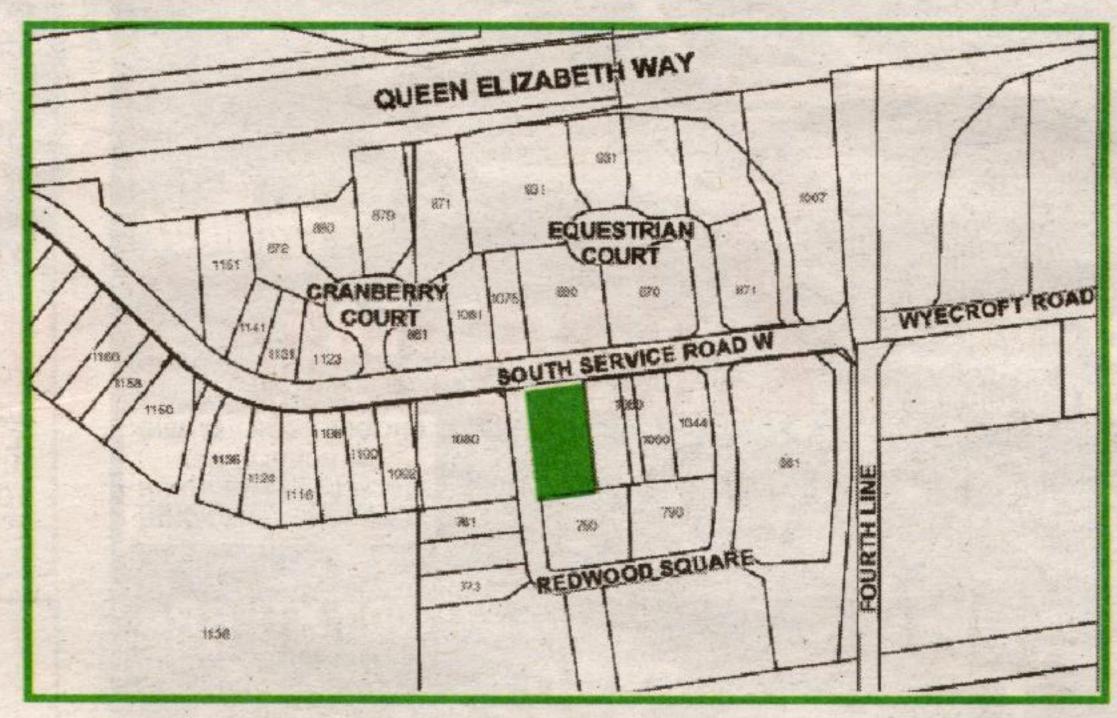
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You are invited to join Halton Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline for a Public Information Meeting about the Proposed Emergency Housing Facility that will be located in Oakville:



Proposed Emergency Shelter Site Oakville, Ontario

Date: Thursday, May 15, 2003 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Time: Halton Regional Centre Place: 1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville.

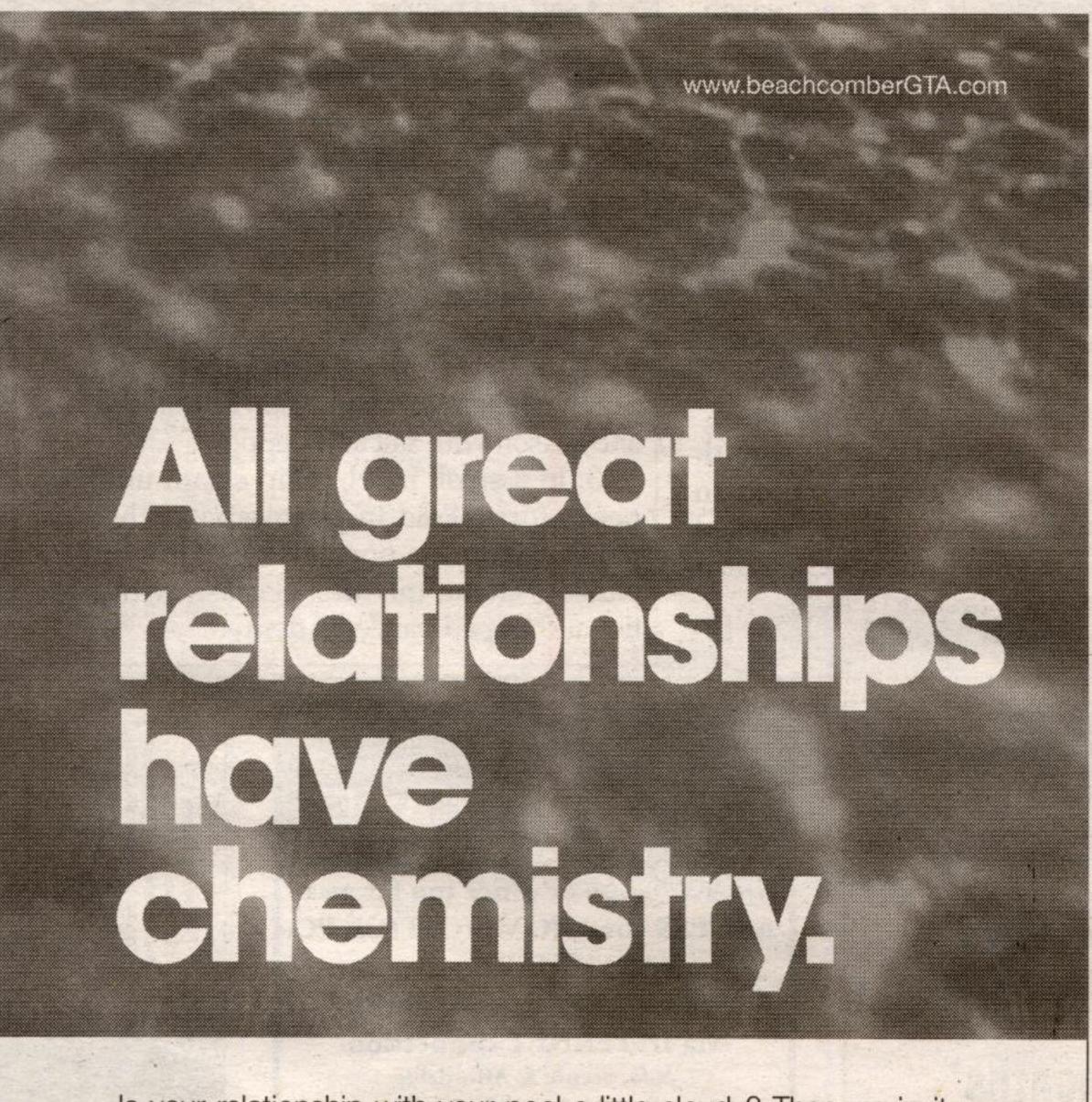
Come and find out more about the proposed facility and learn about the planning process. The proposed site, located at South Service Road W and Redwood Square (West of Fourth Line), adheres to the criteria outlined in the Emergency Housing Advisory Group Final Report. As per Council recommendation, Halton Region will own the land for the facility and the building will be owned and operated by the Salvation Army.

Individuals interested in attending are invited (but not required) to pre-register by phone at 905-825-6000 ext. 7998 or by E-mail at advisorygroup@region.halton.on.ca. On-site childcare will be available for participants but pre-registration for childcare spaces is required. Visit our Website and click on the Emergency Housing Advisory Group icon on the home page for more information about this initiative.

Come and find out more.



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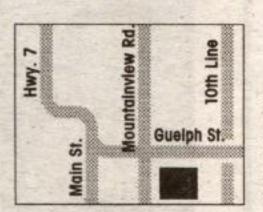


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