

# Run for Terry on Sunday

Acton, Georgetown organizers hoping for big turnout

Halton Hills residents are encouraged to don their running shoes Sunday (September 14) and head out to either Georgetown South Community Park or the track at Acton High School for the annual Terry Fox Run.

Runs will be held in both communities again this year and organizers are hoping for a big turnout.

Jon Hurst, an organizer of the Acton Terry Fox Run since it began in 1981, said they are hoping to get 200 people out this year.

Last year the Acton run raised nearly \$31,000 and "we always like to equal the previous year," said Hurst. Close to \$470,000 has been raised through the Acton run since it began.

Participants can go around the Acton High School track in wheelchairs, on bikes, or they can walk, run or push a stroller anytime between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Hurst said the Acton community has supported the run year after year, and many participants have been there since it began.

"That's not to say we don't want to see a lot of new faces," he said.



Tamara Diardichuk, a young woman who battled cervical cancer and was featured in *The Independent Free Press* last year, is the organizer of the Georgetown run. She is ecstatic that she has been cancer-free for nine months now.

"I feel good," said Diardichuk, who learned just before last year's run that her cancer had returned. What followed was more surgery and chemotherapy, and in May she got her six-month clear report.

"I feel like a new person again," said Diardichuk, who added she feels like a weight has been lifted off her.

"I don't feel like cancer defines me." Diardichuk is looking forward to the run this year, and despite a recently broken ankle, plans to go around the course on a bicycle.

Last year \$37,000 was raised in the Georgetown run and she said this year they are hoping to bring in \$40,000.

The run will be held at Georgetown South Community Park from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants can go around the course in wheelchairs, on bikes and roller blades, walk, run or push a stroller.

Pledge forms for the run are available in both Acton and Georgetown.

In Acton they can be picked up at all banks, credit unions, variety stores, Home Hardware, the youth centre and all schools.

In Georgetown they are available at several stores



A broken ankle isn't about to stop Georgetown Terry Fox Run organizer Tamara Diardichuk from taking part in Sunday's run at Georgetown south park— she'll ride her bike instead of jogging. Volunteer Katy Pettit gave her a hand strapping on her temporary cast in preparation of the event.

Photo by Ted Brown

in Georgetown Market Place and downtown Georgetown, most restaurants in town, Canadian Tire and Tim Hortons.

Participants can also just show up the day of the run and make a donation.

For information on the Acton run call Hurst at 519-853-2015, and Diardichuk at 905-873-1143 for info on the Georgetown run.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

## Acton Legion wants smoking exemption

Acton Legion smokers will have to wait two weeks to see whether Halton Hills council will re-open its smoking bylaw to allow smoking during the day at the legions.

At Monday's meeting, Acton Legion president George O'Donnell requested council change its smoking bylaw, which it passed last spring, to allow the daytime smoking.

Currently the legion falls under the bylaw, which allows smoking only after 9 p.m. and O'Donnell says that is creating a "somewhat adverse effect on our business due to the fact that most of our members visit us most days before 9 p.m. when smoking is not allowed in any area."

He said legions in surrounding towns of Milton, Peel, Guelph and Eramosa have received exemptions.

O'Donnell said the banquet hall and women's area will continue to remain smoke-free.

A motion to re-open the bylaw was deferred to the Sept. 22 meeting when the issue of an exemption for both the Acton and Georgetown legions could be discussed with staff input.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

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