



HAPPY 50th: Georgetown residents Dorothy and Ron Hunt entertained family and friends in the Gallery of the Cultural Centre recently in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple, who have been very active in promoting the arts in Halton Hills, were married in Toronto on Sept. 26, 1953. Photo by Ted Brown

This year's theme: Get out! Stay Out! Fire Prevention Week under way

"When Fire Strikes: Get Out! Stay Out!" is the theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week which runs from October 5-11.

Halton Hills Fire Protection and Prevention Services fire safety specialist Doug Andrews said in the event of fire, people should get out right away, call the fire department from a neighbour's phone, and never go back inside to retrieve possessions.

"Most fatal fires occur when people feel safest—in their homes, usually during the night when everyone is sleeping," said Andrews.

"Eighty-five of all fires occur in the home, and most of the fires are preventable," said fire safety specialist David Ford. "In a fire, every second can mean the difference between life and death. Install smoke alarms, change the batteries

twice a year and test them monthly."

Throughout Fire Prevention Week the fire department will have an information booth at Georgetown Market Place. Fire department staff will be on hand with fire prevention literature and to answer any questions.

Students in participating Risk Watch schools in Junior Kindergarten through Grade 2 will have personal visits from fire prevention staff and will take part in a new program this year.

Using the department's rehab trailer, students will get a first-hand look at the introduction of "theatre" smoking entering a room, hear the smoke alarm activate, then crawl with the firefighter to a safe exit.

The exercise will strengthen and enhance the life saving lessons—installing smoke alarms and developing and practising home escape drills.

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