

Editorial

That's more like it

At the Georgetown Fall Fair the sun shone all weekend with nary a raindrop in sight, temperatures were summer-like (something we haven't been able to say often this year) and attendance was up from last year.

Oh yes, and best of all no one decided to riot.

By all accounts, the 158th edition of the fair was a rousing success.

"Halton Police, the Lions club, the Lorne Scots, Town of Halton Hills, Georgetown Agricultural Society (GAS) and the (Fairgrounds) neighbours all co-operated together to improve the security," said GAS secretary Lorrie Cooper.

With the success of this year's event we hope we can finally put to rest the bad memory of last year's event in which 14 people—mostly teens—were arrested after a melee which saw police pelted with debris and officers use rubber bullets and pepper spray to disperse the unruly crowd of 500.

The riot put Georgetown in the national news for all the wrong reasons.

Fall fairs are supposed to be fun events for the whole family and if the smiles seen this year at the Fairgrounds are any indication, this year's fair was one of the best—congratulations to all involved for their efforts.

With the Acton Fall Fair getting under way this Friday, let's keep our fingers crossed the great weather we saw this past weekend is repeated.



Letters to the editor...

Prospect Park 'neglected and derelict'

Dear editor,

Acton's Prospect Park was once a place where families picnicked, boated, fished and swam. Ball

games were held and kids played there all summer long.

Unfortunately, the over-population of Canada geese has put a stop to nearly all activities. The park is now neglected and derelict.

For years Canada geese have fouled just about every square foot of public property in Acton, yet council has never even suggested a plan to control the goose population. I wonder if Georgetown's public areas were fouled to the same extent, would council take action?

Prospect Park should be a pleasurable place for kids to play and for family activities. It is a truly a beauty spot and could be a major attraction for the town. It seems a shame that those who know of its existence cannot enjoy its grassy expanses and bathing beaches because of flocks of geese.

I was amazed to hear that Councillor Moya Johnson is pushing for a cat bylaw. That someone can be concerned about free roam-

ing cats while ignoring the mess the geese make is beyond all logic.

Perhaps it is a sign of the times. Acton now seems to be inhabited mostly by people who work, shop and socialize elsewhere and come home only to sleep. What would they care about goose poop in the park? Unfortunately, we oldtimers don't seem to have a voice anymore with council. We just keep paying higher and higher taxes.

L. Williams, Acton

Wayward parrot spotted in Delrex/Prince Charles area

Dear editor,

For the information of anyone who has lost a little green red-headed parrot:

This particular little redhead has been seen at a bird restaurant and bar in the Delrex Blvd./Prince Charles Dr. area in the company of a gang of lowly grackles.

He/she seems to be healthy and thoroughly enjoying his/her freedom.

F. Carswell, Georgetown

Town not the same, bicycle theft victim laments

Dear editor,

I am writing this letter as a plea to the town of Georgetown. I was born and raised here. Thirty years I have resided here and it wasn't until recently I realized this town is falling apart.

My 11-year-old nephew's bike that he bought with his own money from his paper route was stolen right out of his house. He was so careful with the bike, locking it up when he was out, and bringing it in the house every night.

My sister took the dog for a 15-minute walk

before work and in the 15 minutes she was gone someone entered her house, walked past other valuables and took only a Redline Freestyle bike.

The incident was reported to police. Their response was they will follow up on a few leads but we probably won't get the bike back. We have offered a \$100 reward for the delivery of the bike, no questions asked.

I am so sick to my stomach over the whole ordeal, we are all contemplating moving out of Georgetown.

Tammy Holbrook, Georgetown

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