

Editorial

Safety's a treat

Each year at this time, we offer up the usual reminder to play it safe at Halloween. But recent incidents in surrounding areas should make all of us pay a little more attention to the well-being of trick-or-treaters.

Broken glass embedded in a silicone and glue compound was found on the top of monkey bars and a slide in a Burlington park earlier this month. While several youths face charges in this so-called prank you just never know if there is another collection of idiots out there contemplating something equally as stupid.

This vandalism followed a situation in Toronto where an individual or individuals buried chunks of wood, complete with razors, in the sand where a volleyball tourney was to take place.

Unfortunately, when you have crazy people doing crazy things you can't be too vigilant in ensuring your children are safe this Sunday.

As the witching hour fast approaches, Halton Regional Police has distributed a list of safety tips (see page 8) including reminding parents to accompany their young children on their outing. The police also suggest that the older trick-or-treaters should travel with at least two friends and let someone responsible know their planned route.

Also a time of return should be established.

Common sense plays a key role in having an enjoyable and safe Halloween. Make sure kids and teens are wearing reflective costumes and makeup is a better bet than a mask.

There are of course other tips such as checking all the treats before they are consumed.

The police would just like to ensure a safe Halloween and we, too, would much rather write a preachy editorial such as this, than one about a child injured on Halloween.



Letters to the editor...

Opposition to Barber Mill plan reassuring...

Dear editor,

It's reassuring to see many local citizens voice their displeasure with the proposed Barber Mill

application (Halton Hills council meeting, Oct. 18).

We are fortunate to have such a bountiful vista of beauty and wildlife as one gateway to town. To interfere with it would only have an impact on the area with many serious issues down the road.

I urge everyone to veto this

application as it is set out. We must protect one of the last historical settings we have here in Georgetown.

I especially want to thank John Day for his frank, genuine and continued concern for our community. I know I speak on behalf of many.

Blayne Hillock, Georgetown

...but not everyone thinks so

Dear editor,

While first impressions of the proposed Barber Mill Development are alarming, having not seen detailed plans I am not informed enough to comment.

What bothered me, though, were the various complaints from residents living in the adjacent subdivision. I remember when a mature forest once stood where your homes now sit.

It is a classic example of NIMBY that these people are decrying the

rehabilitation of a historical feature of Georgetown when they had no concerns that their development destroyed yet another of southern Ontario's fast disappearing forests.

Further, with the issue of suburban sprawl making repeated appearances in the news, is it not time that Georgetown consider higher-density housing as a solution?

Jordan Furness, Georgetown

Wandering parcel has Acton man puzzled

Dear editor,

We live in very peculiar times. For instance, sending a registered mail parcel from England to Canada should be easy and take a couple of weeks. Well, I guess those days are gone.

A registered parcel was sent to me from England on June 16.

Guess what? It seemed to have vaporized. No one knew anything about it. When it was not delivered I assumed it had been stolen. I knew it had gone as far as Mississauga because I had it tracked— then nothing. I called the post office and even asked the police for help.

So now I find that the parcel was in Mississauga on June 22. Suddenly on Oct. 1 it was returned to England. That only took four months. It was in the sender's hands Oct. 5, back in England.

The reason for sending it back was that the sender's address was not complete, and this was needed for security.

Funny how quickly it was returned to sender, considering the sender's address was incomplete. I wonder how they do that?

John Shadbolt, Acton

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