

Santa Claus is coming

Popular Acton, Georgetown parades sure to warm up a cool November



Each year Santa Claus makes an early visit to Georgetown to collect letters from children as he prepares for Christmas.

This year Santa and his reindeer touch down Saturday, November 13. The 74th annual parade, put on by the Georgetown Lions Club, will have the theme of *Christmas Around the World*.

The parade attracts entries from across Halton Hills. Each year the 90-minute parade has approximately 60 floats and six bands. The Acton Citizens' Band announces the arrival of Santa, which is always a welcome sight to the young crowd.

Letter carriers from Canada Post will collect letters along the parade route and pass them on to Santa.

The parade starts at 1:30 p.m. at the corner of Guelph St. and Sinclair Ave. and will proceed west along Guelph St. to Mill St., then along Mill St., Charles St. and west on Park St. to the Fairgrounds.

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Each year Santa Claus makes his entrance into Acton in grand style—thanks to the ever-popular



parade in his honour. Acton residents line the streets of town waiting to catch a glimpse of the jolly old man in red, and check out the musical talent and cre-

ative floats that usher him through town.

The Acton Firefighters Association has put on the parade for more than 20 years now. Bill Spielvogel is the longtime parade chairman, who organizes the event each year with much help from members of the firefighters association and others

"I just love it," said Spielvogel. "It's a lot of hard work but it's a lot of fun."

This year's parade will be Saturday, November 20.

The parade, which usually features about 20 floats decorated in keeping with the annual theme of the event (this year's theme is *A Cartoon Christmas*), gets under way from McKenzie-Smith Bennett School on Acton Blvd.

It then turns right onto Queen St., travels to Young St., then down Mill St. to Main St. The parade then turns right on Main St., left on Knox St. and goes to Prospect Park.

Along with the floats, the parade also features approximately seven bands including, the town's own Acton Citizens' Band. Other regular bands include Guelph Royalaires and Acton Typhoon Squadron 197 Band.

Each year at the parade area kids get the chance to deliver their letters to Santa Claus as letter carriers from Canada Post walk the parade route collecting

them.

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