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## Agencies, police work together to provide safety net for seniors

ne of my many functions as the Community Support Officer is to act as a liaison between seniors and the police service in Halton Hills and Milton. I very often refer people to Halton Hills Community Support and Information, because they offer excellent programs and services to seniors and other residents.

Seniors and disabled adults can take advantage of the meal programs that include Meals on Wheels, Meals on Ice, and Wheels to Meals. There is also a telephone assurance program, the friendly visiting program, home maintenance program and the letter carriers' alert.

The letter carriers' alert program is a free service. All of the homes in Georgetown (other than those with super mail boxes) received a sign up sheet in the mail a couple of weeks ago. The sign up sheet asks for the resident's name, and a contact name.

If the letter carrier sees that mail is building up in a mailbox they check their list to see. if the occupant is registered with this program. If they are, the letter carrier contacts HHCSI and they in turn will phone the occupants contact person to make sure that the 911/ 411 Laurel Barnett

senior is all right.

This program is an excellent safety net for seniors and disabled adults who are living alone.

If you would like more information about this or other seniors' programs, or would like to register for the letter carriers' alert, contact Liz at 905-873-6502 if you are a Georgetown resident, or Mary at 519-853-3310 if you are an Acton resident.

If you have any questions about this or any other police matter, contact me at 905-878-5511 ext 2120 or laurel.barnett@hrps.on.ca.

Constable Laurel Barnett is the community support officer for District 1

## HHCSI seeks donations for Christmas Needs program

Each year, Halton Hills Community Support and Information co-ordinates baskets of children's toys and clothing for families who need assistance at Christmas time. Donations are gratefully accepted at this time of the year to assist with costs associat-

ed with purchasing items for this needed service. Last year many local families were helped through this program.

If you would like to donate, or sponsor a family, please call the HHCSI office at 519-853-3310 and ask to speak to Cathy.

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