

Development approval process streamlined

Last month your council made two important decisions. The first is an improved way of doing business in the Town, and the second is to provide closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

For years, the Town has been criticized for the way we do business in issuing building permits, basically, the whole development approval process in general. Staff have worked diligently in the past five months or so, and brought forward a report that council supported.

There are 38 recommendations emphasizing the need for improved customer service, reducing processing timelines, and designated leadership roles. The object is to make Halton Hills a desirable place to do business by reducing red tape.

The second major decision that council unanimously supported was to fund closed captioning for the hearing impaired of our televised council meetings. Chris Kenopic of Georgetown gave an excellent presentation to council. Chris was instrumental in bringing the need to Councillor Moya Johnson (Chair of Halton Hills Accessibility Advisory Committee). Councillor Johnson and I met with Cogeco Cable Network to investigate the costs, etc. Chris is to be commended for his efforts and his perseverance of this issue.

It was pointed out that one in four persons have some degree of hearing loss. The Town of Halton Hills is the first community in Ontario to voluntarily offer this service. There is a cost to provide this service, however, but the cost would be much greater to exclude those in our Town who are vulnerable.

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) will mail assessment notices to most property owners. These notices update property values for an 18-month period. Do I see a parallel with these

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Rick Bonnette

notices being sent out on Halloween? Now that's scary! If you feel that the assessed value of your property is incorrect, you may contact MPAC on their website at www.mpsv.vs or by telephone at 1-866-623-7678. MPAC has been a source of disdain for the past few years from property owners throughout Ontario. Well, there is some welcome news. The Ontario Ombudsman announced an investigation into whether MPAC's process of valuing properties is fair and transparent. This could be interesting.

On November 17, our Economic Development Committee and your Ward 2 Councillors will host an Agricultural Forum at Pineview School at 7 p.m. David Lyons, Chair of the GTA Agriculture Action Plan, will be the guest speaker.

The Gallery, a life-lease housing complex is now selling units. There is a need for seniors' housing in our town. We are pleased to see that years of hard work by the Bennett Board is now coming to fruition.

Keeping it real! I can be reached by telephone at 905-873-2601, ext. 2342, or by e-mail at mayor@haltonhills.ca

—Rick Bonnette is the mayor of Halton Hills

FUTURE SHOP

CORRECTION NOTICE

Toshiba M60-CD4 Laptop 10068558/9 This product is advertised on p. 19 of our November 4th flyer with the specifications for another laptop. It does not have an Intel Centrino 750 processor, 1024MB memory, 100GB hard drive and 128MB ATI Radeon X700 graphics. It features an Intel Centrino 740 processor, 512MB DDR2 RAM memory, 80GB hard drive and 128MB (shared) Intel GMA 900 graphics. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our valued customers.

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Microsoft Wireless Optical Mouse 10051849. This product is advertised for \$39.99 after a \$20 savings on p. 20 of our November 4th flyer. In fact, it is \$39.99 after a \$10 savings. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our valued customers.

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BenQ 16x16 Double Layer DVD Rewriter. DW1640-0C4: 10064204. This product is advertised for \$79.99 after a \$50 savings on p. 21 of our November 4th flyer. In fact, it is \$79.99 after a \$40 savings. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our valued customers.

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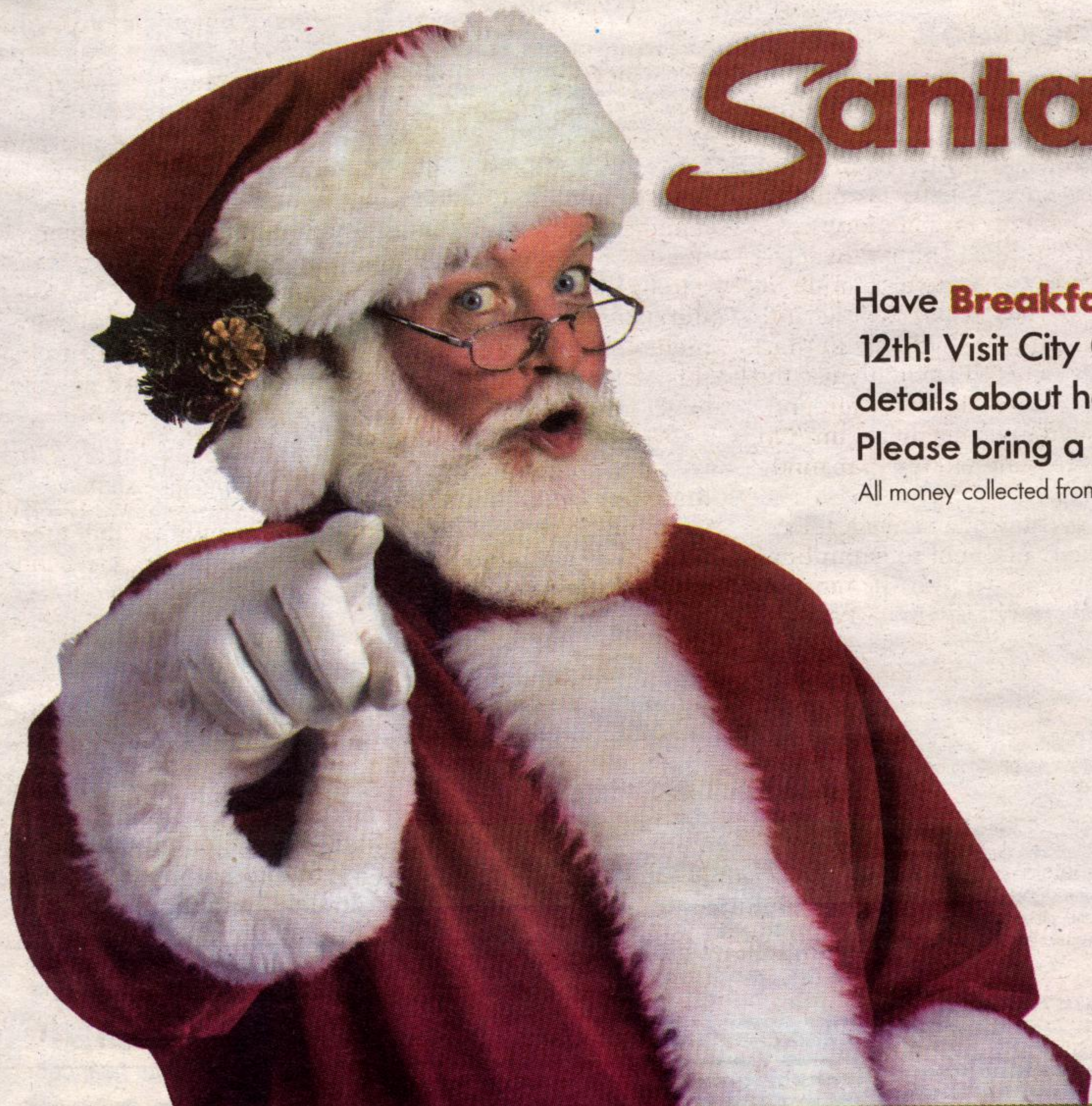
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Have **Breakfast with Santa** for \$2 each on Saturday November 12th! Visit City Centre Services or www.bramaleacitycentre.ca for details about how to get your ballot.

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for our Toys for Tots drive.

All money collected from breakfast will be donated to Toys for Tots also.

Santa's Hours - November 12th - 30th

Monday to Friday: 9:30 am - 8 pm

Saturday: 9:30 am - 6 pm

Sunday: 12 noon - 6 pm

