

## Stop horsin' around!

Sean Hardcastle gains control of a horse that got loose Sunday afternoon on Confederation Street in Glen Williams. Hardcastle and his family woke to find two horses in their yard. One was captured while this one took off down the street and over the bridge into the Glen Williams baseball diamond. Halton Police had to navigate traffic at the intersection of Main Street and Confederation until the horse was captured on the bridge.

*Photo by Sabrina Byrnes*



## Fight social ineptness

I warn you the following article is my most opinionated to date, and is likely to offend some people, and for this I apologize.

A sizable portion of my policing duties have been in response to an individual's or group's alcohol or drug-influenced actions, or as a result of their social ineptness. That's right... social ineptness.

Here are some examples of late. One of four young females chose to smash a glass bottle against the side of the bowling alley on Mountainview Road with no consideration for the 80-year-old man who cleans that property or for the fact that the bowling alley provides youth-oriented activities to our community.

Or, the individual driving without thought or consideration for others' safety through a public parking lot, screeching and skidding into speed bumps as her two non-seatbelted children hung out the rear windows.

Or, how about the folks who use the handicap parking spot in front of Tim Hortons— that's for people who need their coffee really, really bad right?

Or the driver who feels they have been inconvenienced long enough by traffic, so they wait for the turning cars to clear the intersection on the yellow light before they go through on the red.

For a society to work we need to realize that we ALL play a role in our community whether we like it or not. Our community can benefit from ALL of us making a conscious effort to contribute to society in a positive way. Let's help out our neighbours by calling the police when their car is being broken into in their driveway. Let's be aware of who and what is around us and consider how our actions or inactions may affect them.

Finally, remember Sir Robert Peel's statement, "The police are the public and the public are the police."

Contact me personally for crime prevention tips, or for police information regarding community concerns through 905 878 5511 extension 2470, or by e-mailing chris.borak@hrps.on.ca. Please reserve the 911 system for emergency calls only.

—Const. Chris Borak is the community support officer for District 1

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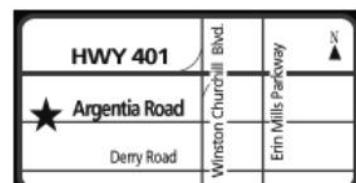
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