

Spot checks haven't nabbed anyone but...

Police report slight rise in impaired driving

With impaired driving investigations showing a slight increase across the region, Halton Police are reminding everyone to think before they take that drink.

Since the RIDE program got underway December 1, police report no one has been arrested for impaired driving as a result of a spot check but 23 people had their licence suspended because roadside screening revealed they had more than 50 mg of alcohol in their blood system, resulting in a "Warn" on the device.

But since December 1 officers have charged 16 people with impaired driving through regular patrols. Two of those were in Georgetown, five in Milton, three in Oakville and six in Burlington.

"Halton Police want to remind the driving public of the need to anticipate problems," said Halton Police Sgt. Peter Payne. "The alcoholic drink that you consume now can

take from a few minutes to an hour to affect your sobriety. Some might be lulled into believing they can consume more than they should before they get behind the wheel. The last drink that you consume may not begin to affect your judgment until after you begin your drive."

He said it's too late at that point and that's when the problems begin.

"Think before you take that drink. Use a taxi, get a ride from a sober friend, or use designated drivers. Do whatever it takes. Your decision could save a life, yours, or your loved one or someone else's."

"At this time of year we are reminded of the need to use good



GARY CROWELL

judgment when we are enjoying holiday cheer," said Halton Police Chief Gary Crowell. "We need to remember that need also exists throughout the year."

Halton Police support all initiatives directed towards reducing and eliminating impaired driving.

"Over the years, I have worked with several MADD volunteers from across the Region. Many have joined because of a tragedy in their lives caused by a drunk driver. Some have joined because of a desire to make a difference. They have all worked with the intent of making our community safer," said Crowell.

He said he wants to thank them for the "ongoing commitment and recognize them for their efforts."

"We will continue to support our local MADD programs and welcome their participating in preventing further tragedies from occurring," said Crowell.

Bennett Centre program to receive \$17,000 in funding

A Bennett Health Care Centre program will receive more than \$17,000 in federal funding Wellington-Halton Hills MP Michael Chong announced Wednesday.

The funding provided through the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) will go toward the Memories to Talk About Program.

Through the program, volunteers and residents in the Bennett Centre participate and create a memory book to increase communication abilities.

"Canada's new government is committed to enhancing the social well-being of seniors in communities by encouraging them to share their skills, wisdom and experience," said Chong.

"Projects like the one I have had the pleasure of announcing today, help reduce the risk of social isolation among older adults by promoting their ongoing involvement in the community."

NHSP provides grants to support a range of community-based projects across Canada that encourage seniors to contribute to their communities through social participation and active living.

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4:00 pm - Children's Service with Santa Claus and Holy Baptism

7:00 pm - Choral Eucharist and Carol Sing
10:30 pm Traditional Eucharist

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Christmas Eve Services

5:00, 7:00, 9:00 & 11 pm

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10:00 am

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Sunday December 24

4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve

5:00 pm St. Stephen's (Family Celtic Communion)

8:00 pm St. John's (Eucharist)

11:00 pm St. Stephen's (Midnight Mass)