

# First Monday of the month

There are rites of passage that come with certain birthdays, and they all have varying degrees of impact as we cross those milestones.

Some are more memorable than others, while others are totally lost without so much as a whimper of recollection.

I'll never forget when I turned 21— leading up to that birthday was special. (In those days, turning 21 meant one could legally partake of the forbidden nectar of the brewery gods.)

Only one problem with my 21st birthday—the powers that be changed the age of majority to 18— two weeks before my 21st birthday!!!

Okay, it took me a couple decades to get over that one—and I haven't voted Tory since.

But other milestones have been better experiences. I took turning 30 without a thought, 40 was a time to take stock of my four decades, and 50 I didn't even recognize.

Then there was 55. Last June I hit that milestone, you know, the one the TV commercials say we should have a certain freedom at. Haven't found that one yet—I'm still looking.

But this week, a full seven months after turning 55, I was at a local store, buying some Tylenol (Oh yeah, that's another bonus of turning 55—it's called muscle and joint aches and pains.)

I walked to the cashier, I set my purchase on the counter (it was even on sale) and the cashier scanned the little bar code.

"Do you mind if I ask if you are 55 or over?" she asked cautiously.

"Not in the least," I replied, "I'm 55 years old. Why do you ask?"

"Oh, well that's terrific! You qualify for our seniors' discount. It's on the first Monday of the month, and you can have a discount on your purchase."

I was in seventh heaven! I got something for less cuz I'm old? It was great!

Okay it was great for a minute or so— then as I walked back to the office, it occurred to me the

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ramifications of this newest milestone.

If I accept the discount, does that mean I'm accepting I'm a senior too? I don't feel like a senior. But I must look like one (hence the cashier asking me if I was 55).

And I am a grandfather, so I guess that does lean me in the direction of a senior.

But I like to think my attitude is similar to what it was when I was about 24 (you know, three years after the government changed the legal age to 18 TWO WEEKS before my 21st birthday—but I'm not bitter...)

And I'm still searching for that Freedom 55 thing (I only have five more months left of this age to find it, so I'm not holding my breath.)

So, I'm adopting a completely new attitude.

Unlike Alice Cooper who sang "I'm 18, and I like it!" I'm leaning towards singing "I'm 55, and I want my discount!"

By the way, Alice Cooper will be 59 in February, so he might even agree with me, and do a re-release of his song.

I know I'm not alone in this situation. There are loads of '55ers' out there, and we might as well take advantage of a discount if the big retailers wanna feel good about giving it to us.

So all you fellow 55ers out there, synchronize your watches— first Monday of the month, we're going in!

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## It's time to register for JUNIOR or SENIOR KINDERGARTEN Program



We look forward to welcoming your child to school!

**Junior Kindergarten 2007-2008:**

Children must be 4 years old by December 31, 2007.

**Senior Kindergarten 2007-2008:**

Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2007.

**Note:** If your child is currently attending one of our schools for Junior Kindergarten, you do not need to register for Senior Kindergarten.

To determine your designated home school, access our website [www.hdsb.ca](http://www.hdsb.ca) and review our on-line boundary maps or use "School Locator" (click on "School Information", then "Find a School"). Call your designated school to find out which dates have been established for Kindergarten registration.

Parents/guardians must be public school supporters.

Please bring the following **original** documents with you\*:

- your child's immunization record
- your child's Ontario Health Card
- proof of address
- proof of your child's age (birth certificate or passport)

\*If you are not the child's parent, please bring proof of custody (court order).

Please ensure that your child is registered by **February 5, 2007.**

For further information contact 905-335-3663, ext. 3271 (Milton and Halton Hills), ext. 3294 or ext. 2211 (Burlington and Oakville).

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**PUBLIC MEETING**

The Building Services section of the Engineering, Public Works and Building Services department will submit the Annual Building Permit Fee Report, Amendments to the Building By-law No. 2005-0074 and the proposed Building Permit Fees for 2007 for Council approval on Monday, February 5, 2007.

All information with respect to the Annual Report and the proposed Building Permit Fees can be obtained through the Building Services section (905-873-2601, ext. 2923).

Please note all delegations will be heard at the Council Meeting on **Monday, February 5, 2007**. Accordingly, if you wish to address the Council, please register by **Tuesday, January 30, 2007**, with Leesa Emmerson at 905-873-2601, ext. 2333.

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING**

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**Concerning Applications to Amend the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan and Zoning By-law and related applications for a Plan of Subdivision, Plan of Condominium, and Part Lot Control Exemption**

The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment applications is to permit the development of a 147 unit townhouse development. The Official Plan Amendment (OPA) is proposing to re-designate the property from Low Density Residential to Medium Density Residential. The Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA) is proposing to rezone the property from Third Density Residential (R3) to a site specific Fourth Density Residential Special Zone (R4-1). The purpose of the Subdivision, Condominium and Part Lot Control Exemption applications is to facilitate the establishment of the Common Element Condominium on the property.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Halton Hills in respect of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and/or Plan of Subdivision, you must make a written request to the Town of Halton Hills at 1 Halton Hills Drive, Halton Hills, Ontario L7G 5G2.

If a person or public body that files a notice of appeal of a decision of the Town of Halton Hills in respect of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and/or Zoning By-law Amendment and/or Plan of Subdivision does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Halton Hills before the proposed Official Plan Amendment and/or Zoning By-law Amendment and/or Plan of Subdivision is approved, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

**NOTE:** Any written comments/objections submitted to the Town of Halton Hills regarding this Application(s) which is being processed under the Planning Act 1990, may be made public as part of the application process.

For lands located at the northwest corner of Main Street (North) and Carruthers Road, 60 Main St., Part of Lot 20, Concession 8, Parts 1 & 2 of 20R-5755, Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown)

**Town of Halton Hills Files: D09OPA06.002, D14ZBA06.002, D12SUB06.001, D07CDM06.001, D25PLC06.001 - Eden Oak Homes**

General Committee for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss proposed amendment applications to the Town of Halton Hills Official Plan and Zoning By-law 57-91 as amended and related applications for a Plan of Subdivision, Plan of Condominium, and Part Lot Control Exemption. The proposed amendments apply to the property municipally known as 60 Main St., Part of Lot 20, Concession 8, Parts 1 & 2 of 20R-5755, Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown). The subject land is located at the northwest corner of Main Street (North) and Carruthers Road and is currently vacant.

Below is a map showing the location of the subject property to which the proposed applications would apply.

**ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME.**

Location of Subject Lands

**DATE/TIME:** February 5, 2007, 7:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Council Chambers, Civic Centre  
**FILE:** Eden Oak Homes

**BEST BUY CORRECTION NOTICE**

To our valued customers: We apologize for any inconvenience caused by an error in our flyer dated: January 12 - January 18.

Product: Acer AS5630-6895/AS5630-6494. On page 20 of the January 12th flyer we advertised this item at \$799.99 when in fact it is \$999.99 as stated on the back cover. Customers can purchase the Acer AS5101AWLMI in its place at \$799.99. SKU: 10081162/10081163.

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**HOURS:** Mon. - Closed, Tues.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

**WAL-MART CORRECTION NOTICE**

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Camnax 1 GB MP3 player with Video (#531853) and Camnax 2 GB MP3 player with Video (#535356) advertised in our current flyer (expiring Jan. 12th) may not be available in some locations.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

**ATTENTION - PARENTS OF GRADES 8 STUDENTS**

**You are invited to attend a PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**

Parents of students who are planning to attend **Acton High School** or **Georgetown District High School** in September 2007 are welcome to come and hear more about the Grade 9 program, services for students, and diploma requirements. Parents should attend the Parents' Information Night at their home school (the school designated for their community).

For more information, please contact the school office.

**Acton High School**  
Wednesday, January 17th  
Large group presentation: 7 p.m.  
Small group questions and answers session: 7:45 p.m.  
Tours: 8:30 p.m.  
(519) 853-2920

**Georgetown District High School**  
Thursday, January 18th  
Refreshments: 5:30 p.m.  
Small groups-French Immersion, Special Education and Essential Program: 6:00 p.m.  
Large group assembly: 6:45 p.m.  
Display/tours: 7:30-9:00 p.m.  
(905) 877-6966

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