

# A town without volunteers? No fairs, no Santa Claus...



Volunteers with the Acton Fire Fighters Association and the Georgetown Lions Club organize the annual visit of St. Nick.

There is rarely an event that occurs in this town that is not the result of the hard work of a dedicated group of volunteers.

Think about what this community would be without: the Acton and Georgetown fall fairs, the Acton and Georgetown Santa Claus parades, the Highland Games, Classics Against Cancer, the Willow Park Ecology Centre, ArtsWeek, hockey, soccer and baseball tournaments, Georgetown Homecoming 2007, Dominion Seed House Garden and the Lucy Maud Montgomery Garden, Terry Fox runs and the sundry of other charity events...

There would be no Breakfasts with Santa, no school field trips or school teams, no soccer or T-ball games, no Scouts or Guides, no community theatre or leash-free dog parks.

"It's only through the efforts of dedicated volunteers that we've seen the dream of first one, and then two dog parks come to fruition," said HH-Dog member Kathy Dorbeck. "Our volunteers have been incredibly generous with both their time and their talents. Plus, they are really good sports. Every organization has volunteers, but do they have volunteers who will sign up to pick up dog poop? That's commitment!"



Attending the local fall fairs has been an annual rite of passage for many in this community, whether you're two or 92. But people rarely think about the fact that these two three-day events are organized entirely by volunteers—the Acton Agricultural Society in Acton and the Georgetown Agricultural Society in Georgetown. Without a continual supply of new volunteers will these memory-making weekends continue for our children?



Generations of youngsters have summertime memories of celebrating Canada's birthday in Glen Williams. The completely volunteer-organized event has been a family affair for years.



Many people take it for granted that their children will play sports, sing in the school choir or participate in community theatre—yet many of these activities would never happen unless there were volunteers willing to share their time and passion with the younger generation.




**VOLUNTEERS GROW COMMUNITY**

## Thank You VOLUNTEERS!

Town of Halton Hills Council and staff would like to express our sincere appreciation to the volunteers of our community. Volunteers are valued for the work they do, providing support, talent and leadership, dedication and enthusiasm throughout our town. National Volunteer Week is a time for all of us to pause and celebrate the energy and commitment of volunteers.

Volunteers play a special role in growing community spirit through many community improvement projects, services provided to our residents, and supporting the healthy living programs enjoyed by many.

The Town of Halton Hills celebrates the contributions that our local volunteers bring to the community. This National Volunteer Week, be sure to reach out and thank someone you know who volunteers!

Sincerely,






Mayor Rick Bonnette



## Volunteers


*Priceless Treasures*

The volunteers of Halton Healthcare always take that extra bit of time to care for our patients, their families, and our staff.

At Halton Healthcare, volunteers are an important part of the healthcare team. We have come to rely on the compassionate nature and smiling faces of our volunteers to help us provide quality healthcare to the residents of our communities.

We greatly appreciate the contribution made by each and every one of our many volunteers. Their commitment and contribution to our hospitals is invaluable.



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During National Volunteer Appreciation Week we would like to take a moment to say *thank you*.

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