

# Two honoured by Optimists

The Optimist Club of Georgetown recently recognized two individuals for outstanding service to Halton Hills with Respect For Law awards.

The club annually recognizes Halton Regional Police officers but this year also recognized the efforts of a member of the public for her courage during a criminal incident.

This year's honorees were Staff Sgt. Don Cousins and citizen Karen Denuzzo.

Denuzzo was honoured for her efforts in tending to a stabbing victim and aiding in the arrest of the suspect.

On January 26, while driving on Main St. near Cedarvale Park Denuzzo observed a disturbance in the park involving a large group of youths.

In an attempt to quell the disturbance with her presence as an adult, the registered nurse approached the youths only to be told that a young man had been stabbed. She was also told that the person responsible for the stabbing was about to leave the scene with several other youths in a vehicle.

Denuzzo positioned her vehicle in the path of the fleeing vehicle in an effort to prevent the suspect's escape. She then got out of her car and without concern for her own safety, ordered the youths to get out of their car.

At the same time she realized the victim of the stabbing needed immediate medical aid.

As the suspect vehicle left the scene, Denuzzo had two of the remaining youths memorize the

licence plate number while she provided first-aid for the victim and drove him to hospital for further medical treatment.

Police were called and because of the information provided, apprehended a suspect soon after.

Cousens, who joined Halton Police in 1977 as a cadet, was honoured for his years of service to Halton Hills.

He was promoted to constable in 1978 and served in uniform patrol in Halton Hills until 1982 when he was transferred to the Recruitment and Training Bureau.

In 1987 the Georgetown resident was promoted to the rank of sergeant and was assigned as the supervisor for the Tactical and Rescue Unit and Firearms Training.

Between 1993-1995, Cousins worked in the Criminal Investigations Bureau in District 1 (Halton Hills and Milton) before being reassigned to the Regional Intelligence Bureau where he served from 1996 to 2000.

In 2000 he was promoted to staff sergeant and spent a short time as a platoon commander. Shortly after being promoted he was named Detective Sergeant in charge of the Criminal Investigations Bureau for District 1. He remained in that position until 2005 when he was appointed Administrative Staff Sergeant for District 1.

Cousens recently left District 1 to become Emergency Services commander, overseeing the daily operation of the Tactical Rescue Unit, K9 Services, and the Explosives Disposal Unit.



Halton Regional Police Inspector Ron Welsh (left) congratulates Karen Denuzzo and Staff Sergeant Don Cousins after the pair recently received Respect For Law awards from the Optimist Club of Georgetown. The club annually recognizes Halton officers for outstanding service but this year also recognized the efforts Denuzzo, a private citizen, for her assistance during a stabbing incident at Cedarvale Park. Denuzzo, a registered nurse, not only tended to the victim, but also helped police in making a quick arrest by getting two youths to memorize the licence plate of a car carrying the suspect.

*Photo by Dave Jones*



## The Regional Municipality of Halton

### Earth Day April 22

**This Earth Day, before putting items in the garbage, think of ways to reduce, reuse and recycle your waste.**



**Plastic grocery bags** don't go in the Blue Box. Use a reusable bag or bin for shopping instead of accepting plastic bags. Or, instead of throwing plastic bags in the garbage, take them back to your local grocery store – many grocery stores have a bin to collect clean plastic grocery bags for recycling.

**Return your liquor bottles** (glass and plastic), Tetra-Pak® and Bag-in-Box containers to The Beer Store to receive your cash deposit. This is another way to increase the amount of bottles being recycled. By returning bottles to The Beer Store you free up space in your Blue Box which means you'll have more room to recycle other materials around your home.



**Household hazardous waste** – paint, varsol, stains, car oils, cleaners, pesticides, and solvents – should not be poured down the drain because they can contaminate our drinking water. If you put them in the garbage, they could actually mix together and catch on fire or explode! Bring your household hazardous waste – which also includes batteries and compact fluorescent light bulbs – to the Household Hazardous Waste Depot at the Halton Waste Management Site, where it can be properly refined, recycled or disposed of. This is free for residents.

**If you've been spring cleaning** in your closets, don't throw away unwanted clothes, books, toys, linens, paired shoes,

kitchenware and undamaged furniture. Give them to a reuse charity so others can enjoy them. There's a Salvation Army drop-off located at the Halton Waste Management Site; for a list of other reuse charities in Halton, visit [www.halton.ca/waste](http://www.halton.ca/waste)



**Remember, every day is Earth Day!**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### DATE CORRECTION

**PROPOSED RECONSTRUCTION OF  
MAPLE AVENUE (REGIONAL ROAD 11) FROM  
TRAFalGAR ROAD (REGIONAL ROAD 3)  
TO MOUNTAINVIEW ROAD,  
TOWN OF HALTON HILLS (GEORGETOWN)  
PROJECT FILE: PR-2187B**

The Planning and Public Works Committee for the Regional Municipality of Halton proposes at its meeting on **Wednesday, May 23, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.** to recommend to Regional Council at its meeting of **Wednesday, May 30, 2007** to pass a by-law for the reconstruction of Maple Avenue (Regional Road 11) between Trafalgar Road (Regional Road 3) and Mountainview Road in the Town of Halton Hills (Georgetown).

Construction drawings showing the proposed work may be reviewed at the Planning & Public Works Department, Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville.

For further information, or to arrange and appointment to review the drawings, please contact Mr. Joseph Choi, P. Eng., Manager, Design Services at extension 7610.

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