

Silent Walk set for evening

Youths to pay tribute to vets

Approximately 1,100 area school children will pay tribute to local war veterans tomorrow (Thursday) in Georgetown and Glen Williams by taking part in the fifth annual Candlelight Tributes procession.

Beginning at 10 a.m. in Georgetown and 1 p.m. in Glen Williams, students will walk in a quiet and respectful procession, accompanied by a piper, to the respective cenotaphs where they will place a lit candle in a symbolic "passing of the torch of remembrance".

The students will also get the chance to personally thank the veterans with a handshake or a hug.

The candlelight ceremony follows the practice school children in Holten, The Netherlands, began many years ago. More than 1,300 Canadian soldiers are buried in the

Holten Canadian War Cemetery and every May 4 (Holland's Remembrance Day) local school children place flowers on all the graves.

Local residents are invited to join tomorrow's Silent Walk at 6:30 p.m. The procession will leave from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 120 on Mill Street at 7 p.m. and will walk to Remembrance Park. After the placing of candles, participants can meet with the veterans at the legion.

Candles are available at Young's Pharmacy, Bergsma's Decorating and at North Star Dry Cleaners for those taking part in the Silent Walk. Money collected will be used to buy candles for the students and to cover the cost of buses.

For more information on the tribute contact Bob McNeilly at 905-877-4991.

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"And a funny dichotomy is occurring in your community," said Brown. The largest percentage of that growth, he said, will be in the seniors group, (65+ and 55-64) and in younger adults (20-34, with young families).

Trends in recreation are being influenced by increasing lack of time resulting in preferences for more informal or drop-in activities rather than organized sports, sedentary lifestyle, aging population, decline in volunteerism and government support, and income levels (more money the more willing to spend on recreation).

Brown and his team will consider the feed-

back from the public meetings, prioritize the recommendations, assign the costs to each and develop an implementation strategy so they can be achieved in a financially responsible manner, he said.

For a list of recommendations see Friday's edition

The first two sections of the draft plan is posted on the Town's website (www.haltonhills.ca) with subsequent sections added as they are completed. Brown's PowerPoint presentation will also be posted.

Residents can also send their comments to actionplan@haltonhills.ca or call Project Leader Warren Harris, 905-873-2601, ext. 2274.

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