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Gimme five!

A somewhat shy Rylie Grace Benn, 3, gave Ruby a high-five as she performed as part of the Max & Ruby Show at Georgetown Market Place Tuesday. The rabbit sibling duo, a favorite of kids TV, entertained hundreds of little ones at the mall during their two performances. Photo by Ted Brown

It's lights out for an hour March 29

Town encouraging Earth Hour participation

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Staff Writer

'Safety first' was the message Halton Hills council sent out to local businesses interested in voluntarily participating in the upcoming Earth Hour event.

The Town of Halton Hills has signed on to be part of a worldwide movement— Earth Hour on Saturday, March 29, 8-9 p.m.— to show its commitment to the environment and its new Green Plan.

While the Town is encouraging local residents, organizations and businesses to become involved, it's not mandatory.

"This is strictly volunteer," said Mayor Rick Bonnette. "Most businesses will have to keep lights on for security reasons and safety purposes."

He suggested, for example, that restaurants' dining rooms rely on candlelight for that hour, but obviously lights will remain on in the kitchen.

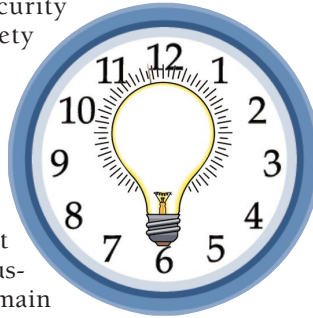
"Really what we want to do is send out the

message that this event is happening and the objective is increasing public awareness," the mayor said.

"Hopefully people will participate and have some fun with it. ...It's like when the lights went out in 2004, but it's voluntary this time," said Wards 3&4 Regional Councillor Jane Fogal.

Already at least three local participants have registered on the international website: Christ the King Secondary School, Georgetown Salvation Army Community Church and Circus Strategic Communications.

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