

# ACTON BIA

Join us for...



Calling all little ghosts and goblins...

## HALLOWE'EN HAUNTED HOUSE

...come to the

### ACTON BIA HALLOWE'EN HAUNTED HOUSE.

Disappear into Hallowe'en at our spooky and fun house.

**SAT., OCT. 25TH 2008, 1 - 3PM**

at the Off The Wall Youth Centre located at 46 Mill Street East!



## Santa Claus Parade

### A Mother Goose Christmas

Come one come all to the

### ACTON FIREFIGHTERS SANTA CLAUS PARADE

**SAT., NOV. 15 AT 1:00 P.M.**

The parade route is along Highway 7 starting at Tim Horton's along Young Street and then through downtown Acton on Mill Street ending at Prospect Park. The Acton BIA offers free hot apple cider along the parade route to keep you warm and toasty!

Stop by Off The Wall Youth Centre and have your picture taken with Santa before the parade from 11:00 - 12:30 compliments of the Acton BIA.



## Old Fashioned Christmas

Saturday, December 6  
from noon to 4:00 p.m.

Community Carol sing in the Parkette  
with the Acton Citizens Band

### Free Horse and Carriage Rides



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...It's Worth the Drive to Acton!

For more info contact the Acton BIA office

## 519-853-9555

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# Trick or treating safety tips

With all the fun of trick or treating, it's easy for children to forget their safety rules while out enjoying the festivities. It's particularly important for drivers to be extra cautious this Halloween and be aware of children running from house to house.

Every year children are killed or injured needlessly by drivers backing out of their driveways and not seeing them through their rear window. Young Drivers of Canada Director of Training, Scott Marshall, advises "With over 90 per cent of collisions caused by driver error, it is essential to assess the risks on the road and drive defensively. It is safer to back into a driveway after scanning it for problems and entering traffic is safer as well. With a larger volume of pedestrians out Halloween night, it is a good idea to plan your route and avoid residential areas during peak trick or treat time."

Young Drivers of Canada offers the following safety tips to make Halloween more enjoyable for everyone:

- Ground Viewing: Use the ground viewing technique to scan under parked cars for the feet of children approaching traffic.
- Scan Intersections: Nearly one third of all collisions happen at intersections. In order to make certain that no one is running the red, you should scan left, centre and right before proceeding on a fresh green or when approaching every intersection.
- Horn Usage: The horn in your vehicle is a tool to communicate with others. Use it when needed to warn someone of a potential danger.
- Circle Check: Walk around your vehicle to check for any obstacles when leaving your parking spot.
- Pedestrian Safety: Children should trav-

el in groups with at least one adult. If they are old enough to go out without an adult, know the route your child will take. Children should walk on the sidewalk, facing on-coming traffic and cross only at intersections or crosswalks. Placing a lit flashlight at the bottom of their treat bag will help drivers see your children better.



- Visibility of Trick or Treaters: Costumes should be brightly coloured. Reflective stickers on the front and back of costumes should be used for better visibility.
- Visit [www.yd.com](http://www.yd.com) to learn more Halloween Safety Tips and help make our roads safe and collision free.

## Region asks parents to complete on-line survey

Calling all parents— your feedback is needed.

In an effort to better assess how parents utilize websites for parenting information and resources, Halton Region is asking parents and caregivers to complete a short on-line survey at [www.halton.ca/parentingsurvey](http://www.halton.ca/parentingsurvey).

The Region is interested in the types of parenting topics and resources parents would like available on-line, as well as which formats parents find most useful when searching for parenting information.

The survey takes about five minutes to complete, and those who participate will be entered into a draw to win one of four prizes, including passes to the movies and local conservation parks.

Data collected will help the Region in the redesign of its parenting website.



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