



**DRIVER CHARGED:** The driver of a car that struck a pedestrian crossing Mill Street at John Street after 9:30 on Tuesday morning was charged with making an unsafe turn. Police did not identify the injured pedestrian, a 73-year-old Acton woman, but said her head injuries were not as serious as first thought. — Frances Niblock photo

# Acton woman struck by car at corner of Mill/John

By Frances Niblock

A Rockwood woman was charged with making an unsafe turn after a 73-year old Acton woman was struck by a car as she walked across Mill Street at John Street just before 10 on Tuesday morning.

Police have not released the name of the victim who was released from hospital yesterday. She was taken to Georgetown hospital by ambulance and transferred to Oakville Trafalgar hospital for a CT scan, which determined her head injuries were not as serious as first feared.

Witness Laura Demeester said she told police she heard squealing tires and brakes and ran out to the street to find a woman she knew, lying on the pavement.

The woman was conscious and bleeding from the back of her head after being struck by a grey, late model Buick Regal that was making a left turn, from John onto Mill Street.

Demeester said the woman was very confused and disoriented.

"I just talked with her and tried to keep her quiet and stop her from moving — she didn't know what had happened, but she knew she was hurt and wanted me to call her son, who works in Milton," Demeester said, adding she asked a passing motorist to call 911, and the ambulance was there within minutes.

Demeester said she told

police she did not see the car hit the woman but that "it looked to me that she had walked off the sidewalk right in front of the car... the other one (the driver) really did try to avoid her. She squealed her tires and brakes and tried to stop," Demeester said she told police.

Halton Sergeant Ron Hansen said blood evidence at the scene does not collaborate that scenario.

"It looks as though our pedestrian was well out into the road and didn't just step off the curb," he said on Wednesday.

Traffic was detoured in a stretch of the downtown for just over one hour as police investigated.

The fine for a 'turn not in safety' conviction under the

Highway Traffic Act is \$85 with a \$20 surcharge for a victims compensation fund.

# Organic recycling coming...

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Year-round, Halton will pickup metal items and appliances with a maximum of three items per collection, and the yard waste program remains unchanged with once every other week residential collection from April through early December.

All this is in an effort to reduce the amount of waste going into the Region's landfill site — the Provincial target is to divert 60 per cent of the waste and Halton is currently diverting 43 per cent. If the target was met, that would buy another six to eight years of life at the landfill.

In response to a request for more details about the GreenCart program that is going Region-wide,

Rivers said that 40 per cent of the material in the average garbage bag is really "household organics" including low-grade papers, tissues, food scraps.

"It's significant weight and significant material that can easily be removed from the garbage bag and the landfill into a diversion program and made into a quality compost that can be reused," Rivers said.

Rural Councillor Bryan Lewis, who noted that a majority of rural residents voted against Blue Box pickup several years ago, said service levels for those people will "change dramatically," but Rivers said all that is being proposed in the rural area is to add the GreenCart program.

Over the summer, Halton staff will consult with the municipalities to discuss the proposed Regional waste contract and the bylaw, both which will be before Halton Council in September for debate and approval.

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