

# Contaminated water closes old beach in park again

By Frances Niblock

Signs warning the water was unsafe due to high bacteria levels did not deter a Brampton father who allowed his two

young children to play in the contaminated water at the Old Beach in Prospect Park on Saturday afternoon.

Although the pre-schoolers didn't go in over their knees, the amount of E.coli in Fairy Lake could cause intestinal disorders and eye or ear infections if it entered the body through a cut or open sore, according to health officials who test the water weekly.

Poor water quality has closed the Old Beach for the past four weeks in a row – the beach has only been open for three weeks since testing began on June 5 at seven Halton locations.

Results of the testing is posted on a 24-hour beach hotline and updated weekly or as conditions change.

Jacek Jackiewicz of Brampton had a picnic in the park with his family on Saturday, and said he was not worried about high levels of bacteria in the water.

"My kids are okay. They played a little bit on the shore – they walked in but didn't get (their) heads wet. I'm from Poland, so I never had problem with bacteria. I never cared," he said, adding it was his second visit to Prospect Park.

Faced with people ignoring the signs advising them to call the hotline to check the water quality, Halton health and environment supervisor Paul Burgher said the repeated closures at the Old Beach have caused "some concerns" but they believe they know where the contamination is coming from – from several storm water drains, from goose droppings and from lack of movement in the lake.

He said the weekly testing involves taking water samples from five areas along the beach, and some weeks the results have been "way past" acceptable levels and some weeks they have been over, but closer to a pass.

"The numbers can be taken out of context, but there is a strong relationship between increased levels of E. coli in the water and the possible incidence of swimming-associated gastroenteritis," Burgher said, adding he didn't know if the beach hotline is well used and is an effective public safety tool.

Asked if Halton would close the Old Beach if the high bacteria levels continue, Burgher said they have "not thought it out that far to say maybe we should close it," but they may "re-evaluate" the beach's status as a recreational swimming area next year.

"We'll continue to test this year, and maybe next year we'll meet with the Town and see how we should approach it," Burgher said.

## Flag etiquette

Dear editor;

I've had some very nice compliments on the display of flags on the funeral home, but, someone raised concern over their arrangement. In the past I've heard a couple of points of view on flying flags and I thought I'd better look up the protocol in case I have it wrong. In doing so, I learned a lot about the flying of flags in Canada and I think I have it right. I copied a portion of information from the Ministry on the flying of flags.

"The Department of Canadian Heritage

**Rules for Flying the Flag**

Updated April 2003 - changes will be reflected in new edition of Flag Etiquette publication....When the National Flag of Canada is flown alone on top of or in front of a building where there are more than two flagpoles, it should be flown as near as possible to the centre.

### Three flags

When only three flags are displayed, the National Flag should be at the centre. To an observer facing the display, the second-ranking flag (in order of precedence) is placed to the left of centre, and the other to the right.

A common combination of flags is that of the National Flag of Canada with a provincial or territorial flag, and a municipal flag or

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## VOX POP

Gasoline prices dropped below \$1 per litre recently causing lineups at both Acton gas stations. Have you changed your driving habits or holiday plans because of the usually higher cost of gas?



Jennifer Drumm, Brampton

"I need the car to go to work and I need the car to drop off my son at day care – if they charged a buck twenty, I'd have to pay it. If it was just me, I'd use public transit, but it's not fast or easy with him (her baby)."



Lori Wilkinson, Acton, "My husband and I have both been riding our motorcycles more this year than we ever have before, mostly because of the gas prices. We're taking a driving holiday this summer, but we're taking the motorcycles."



Rebecca Schoenhardt, Erin "I drive a diesel and get about 1,000-kilometres per tank, so I'm not too concerned about gas prices, but people need to be a little more aware of the environmental impact of their driving, and maybe if high gas prices will make them drive less, and be more efficient with [running] their errands, then I think it's a fine thing."



Lormar McGinn, Acton "I just fill up and go – I don't like it and I get mad at the pumps, but I'm not going to change how I live because of the high prices. I filled up my van in the States and it was \$30 less, even with the exchange."

# Sports

with The New Tanner

## Acton Minor Baseball

### SOFTBALL - GIRLS BANTAM

Nellis Construction 7  
Silverheights 1 9

Nellis Construction MVP's: Alex and Katelynn hit triples. Megan and Kristine for outstanding defence.

Nellis Construction 18.  
Silverheights 2 5

Nellis Construction MVP's: Ashley S and Amber caught a popfly, Karlie for awesome pitching, Katelynn for 2 RBI's.

### HARDBALL BANTAM

Home Hardware 10  
American Railcar Leasing 6

AHH MVP's: Rob Laing, Aaron Weaver, Tyler Colby. ARL MVP's: Dalton Grant, Brendon Prevost, Matthew Pelkey.

Home Hardware 6

RBC Dominion Securities 5  
AHH MVP's: Rob Laing, Dan Borg, Matt Kutasienski. RBC MVP's: Shaun Reidstra, Adam Schmidt, Braxton Daffern.

### HARDBALL MOSQUITO

Chudleigh's 20

Georgetown's Silex 8

Chudleigh's MVP's: Matthew Norton, Drake Andrews, Mitchell Lauzon.

### Chudleigh's 9

Georgetown's Royal Canadian Legion 5

Chudleigh's MVP's: Taylor Pickering, Brett McIntyre, and Chris Dunlop.

### HARDBALL - ROOKIE

Herbal Magic lost by default to Georgetown's

Johnson and Assoc. (0 - 7).

Herbal Magic MVP's: Mathew Adkins, Aron Mersereau, Tommy Adkins, Victoria Scott, Alyssa Sparling.

Daniel Varanelli team #

8 11

Georgetown's Terra Cotta Cookies team 5 8

TCC MVP's: Ben Sirska, Cameron Hahnfeld, and Jake Holmes. DV MVP's: Kieran Mullin, Chante Burnett, and

Madison Armstrong.

### SOFT SAFETYBALL

GRASSHOPPER

Giant Tiger 9

Advance Construction 1

MVP's: GT - Nathan Hart, Sean Steckley, Sarah Dolimont. Adv - Emily Burden, Adam Teske, Julie Williamson.

Giant Tiger 3

Advance Construction 2

MVP's: GT - Anna Golden, Malcolm Judah, Victoria. Adv - Conner Fagan, Joey Contini, Brett Hilts.

Giant Tiger 2

Advance Construction 3

MVP's: GT - Corissa Larson, Chandler Parker, Sean Steckley. Adv - Dylan McNair, Analise Cuesta, Connor Drysdale.

### SOFT SAFETYBALL

- BLASTBALL

The X-treme Fitness Biceps had another great game. The outstanding players were: Curtis King, Katie and Sarah Conrad.

## Acton Villa Soccer

### Under 12 results

July 12/07

CNC Machining 4 vs Acton Otten Heritage Homes 0  
CNC Goals by: Patrick Scoria (1), Nick Hansen (2), Markus Miller (1)

July 17/07

CNC Machining 4 vs. Hillsburgh-Erin Gold Team 0  
CNC Goals by: Logan McNabb(1), Markus Miller (1), Ryan Warrington (1), and Adam Warrington (1)

July 26/07

CNC Machining 7 vs. Acton

Motors 4

Acton Motors Goals by: Tim Thompson (2), Trevor Hennessey(1), Alex Bouzalas (1)

Acton CNC Machining Goals by: Ben Feddema(4), Jordan Pestell (1), Ryan Warrington (1) and Zach Hannah (1)

Acton IJM- CNC Machining now with a record of 9 wins, 0 losses, and 1 tie, with 3 games remaining in the season.

### Under 8 soccer

D. Varanelli - Team #1 Giant Tiger- Team #2

Assists & goals: Owen Ferguson, Madison Busby, Austin Ross, Mikaila Raine, Michael Gillas, Jacob Pirri.

Sunny Motors - Team#3 Royal Lepage-Team# 4

Assists & goals: Matthew Dunn, Joey Reid, Ayush Mehta, Eric Peacockman, Brian Secord.

W/A Embroidery -Team # 5 Lemiski Dentistry- Team #6

Assists & goals: Joseph Iliadis, Erica English, Matthew Sinopoli, Jake Nomad, Paxton Sainsbury, Carmen Mattear, Noah St-Denis, Michael Chang, Matthew Sinopoli, Jake Molinaro, Joseph Iliadis, Paxton Sainsbury.

Acton Jiu-Jitsu Team#7 Maplelodge Farms -Team #8

Assists & goals: Klara Gooding, James Bursa, Eric McCallum, Taryn Dennis, Brooklyn Kutasienski, Kieran Lawson, Miranda Timmerman, Charlotte Gooding, Thomas Vhahos, Jacob Gooding.

Brookville Vet Team#9 Sobeys - Team #10

Assists & goals: Darren Vanhelden, Sam Druif, Julia Scappin, Jenna Munday, Jade Bryan, James Nelson-Alves, Matthew Gibbons.

Leathertown Lumber Team#11 Town & Country Windows Team #12

Heritage Orthotics Team #13 Trendz Team # 14

Assists & goals: Ricky Villa, Mackenzie Gulyas.

Outdoor Power Team#15 Rx Pharma Plus Team #16

Assists & goals: Ashley Wilson, Cameron Hampton, Tannor Toste, Kalmen Balkind, Justin Lee, Erin Collins.



Meals on Wheels is a wonderful service in our community, and there is a growing need for volunteers, especially in Acton. Volunteers are needed mid-morning to pick up Meals in Milton and additional volunteers are needed from 11 a.m. until around noon to deliver meals in the Acton area. The time commitment would be between one and two hours either once a week or alternating weeks. Mileage is reimbursed and vacation time is respected!

If you would enjoy being a volunteer in these programs, please call Terri or Marlene at 519-853-3310.

### Help for the Grieving- What to Say?

Being a friend or neighbour has many challenges; especially when someone you care about has had a loved one pass away. When someone is grieving, they are also dealing with so many issues, and it makes you wonder what to say or do, when to visit, and how to communicate in a helpful way. If you have wondered about helping a grieving friend, or if you have experienced grief and could share your thoughts, please join us for an evening of desserts and beverages and an informal discussion led by Roz Kunze on Monday, August 20 at 7 p.m. at the Off the Wall Youth Centre, 47 Mill Street East, Acton.