

Leathertown Festival all set for Sunday

By Josey Bonnette
Acton BIA Co-ordinator

Acton BIA is pleased to welcome visitors to the 16th Acton Leathertown Festival on Sunday, August 12 from 11am to 5pm. Located in downtown Acton and covering six blocks along Mill Street, this free festival brings in an attendance of over 9,000 people!

This year's theme is "Rock On To The Leathertown Festival" featuring rock and roll music from Rolly Rocker and the Hemi Heads at the main stage. Hop on board the

Getaway Double Decker Bus and find out what the festival has to offer young and old alike. Pick up and drop off locations for the bus are Giant Tiger parking lot, Sobseys parking lot, Acton Legion and Acton Legion Apartments plus the Elizabeth Street senior's apartments.

There will be popular attractions including the Halton Hills Fire Station Safety House, rock-climbing wall, pony rides and petting zoo located in the Kid's Zone. Also included this year is a Classic Car Show, with British cars, Harley Davidson motorcycles and lots more.

At the Main and Kid's Stage entertainment will include Mark Crocker – world famous vocal illusionist, Bruce Heron - Elvis impersonator and The Ben Show to name a few.

With a tradition of fun family entertainment for all ages, this year's festival will not be without what has been a mainstay from the earliest days of the Leathertown Festival: vendors selling their diverse wares. What a great way to spend a summer Sunday enjoying a refreshment at one of the many restaurant patios, browsing booths containing great food, jewellery, clothing,

arts & crafts, toys, music, candy, ice-cream and catching a free show as well!

You might just discover why it truly is worth the drive to Acton, one of the GTA's last "small towns" and help us celebrate the Festival's 16th anniversary and history as a leather-town.

Opening ceremonies begin at 12 noon with Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette, councillors and Festival committee members at the main stage. See you there!

For more information call 519-853-9555; e-mail: actonbia@aztec-net.com; or check out our website: www.downtownacton.ca

Town's 57 bridges are safe

By Frances Niblock

Could a Minnesota-type bridge disaster happen in Halton Hills?

"With our maintenance program, we're confident we've taken the steps to ensure that our infrastructure is meeting the minimum standards required," said Chris Mills, the Town's Director of Engineering, Public Works and Building on Friday as rescue workers continue to search for bodies in the aftermath of the collapse of the Minnesota bridge.

There are 57 bridges in

Halton Hills – 12 of them in urban Acton – and they are inspected every four years by a contracted structural engineer.

In the intermediate two years, the contractor re-inspects those bridges where maintenance issues were identified in the four-year review to ensure the situation hasn't deteriorated.

"Every two years we get the inspection reports from that and they are used as the basis to develop our capital (budget) program for repairs," Mills said, adding the last interim review was

last year and the next full review is in 2008.

"In general, most of our issues, or maintenance items relate to the approaches and guide rails, before you actually get onto the bridge structure – that's where the majority of our issues are," Mills said, adding the review did not identify any bridges that had "significant structural issues that would result in safety concerns."

The 2007 capital budget includes money to begin design work for the significant rehabilitation in 2009 of the Glen Williams bridge(s).

Mills said there are no bridges in the Acton area that are on the list for repairs, but everything is subject to change depending on the structural review reports.

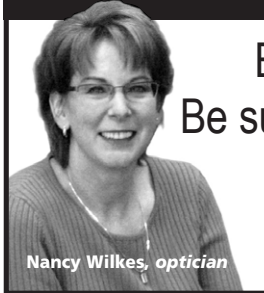
Mills said the Minnesota bridge disaster makes them appreciate how much work they have done in the area of bridge inspection.

"It confirms that we've set up the right programs

because we have the information about what that state of our bridges. I was saddened by the news and concerned and very much want to find out why it happened, but I'm

not seeing a link to any of the Halton Hills bridges," Mills said.

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if things go real well, and of course, if there's two days of rain next week, that schedule won't be adhered to," Goddard said.

He said after the manhole is replaced at the intersection, crews would continue to lay new sanitary sewer pipe in a section northerly towards Knox Street, and the next work would be replacement of the watermain between Church Street and Mill Street.

"It will take the next four

weeks to get the rest of the sanitary (pipes) in and do the rest of the watermain and then there's some storm sewer work on Vimy (street) to do and then we'll begin the reconstruction of the road," Goddard said, adding there haven't been any surprises, but it take longer than expected to remove the old manhole out at the Church street intersection because of all the other services – like gas and Bell Canada – that are located in a tight confined area.

Tanners Garage

Join us this Sunday during
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We've heard Elvis will be in the building!



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Leathertown Festival

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- After Dark Productions
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- Fisher-Odjig Studio
- H.H. Dog Halton Hills Leash Free Zone
- Halton Region Museum
- Hy-Grade Steel Roofing
- J,K & L Professional Makeup Artists
- Jin-Gui Herbal and Acupuncture Clinic
- Papillon's Purification Systems Inc.
- Trinity United Church
- Usborne Books at Home
- Edward Jones Brokerage
- The Kidsroom

Product:

- Registration and information booth
- Screamfest haunt attraction
- Tye dye items
- Acton, The History of leathertown
- Fine art & art therapy
- Membership and information
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- Face and body art/henna for adults/kids
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