

Families urged to have escape route

"Practise Your Escape Plan" is the theme for Fire Prevention Week, Halton Hills Fire Protection and Prevention Services (HHFPPS) advises. Staff at HHFPPS are encouraging families to plan their escape, to be prepared and above all to install and maintain smoke alarms.

Fire creates thick smoke and deadly gases that make

it hard to see or breathe. A home escape plan prepares everyone so they can escape quickly and safely. In a fire, hesitation resulting from not knowing what to do can be deadly. Having an escape plan and practising it can make the difference between living to share the experience with others, or possibly dying from the experience, says fire safety specialist Dave Ford.

A 2004 study commissioned by the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs found that 64% of Canadians claim to have a home escape plan. Of this 64%, 63% had not practised their escape plan with family members even once.

"Most people underestimate the speed and power of fire and smoke, and the danger they pose," says Fire Chief Brent Marshall. "As a result,

they get complacent about fire safety."

It seems hard to believe but, every second counts in a fire. When a fatality occurs close to home, people do change their attitudes and adopt life-saving behaviour.

Marshall says, "Even then it appears it is only for the short term before the same people lax back to previous behaviours."

A province-wide fire drill is being organized to increase public fire safety awareness and to encourage children to practise home escape plans. We challenge every principal, custodian, volunteer, teacher and student to get out of school... safely on Thursday, Oct 11, 2007. Fire Prevention Staff will gladly visit your school given sufficient notice.



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LEGION NEWS

By James Hayes
P.R.O.

Eight days from now our community will be invaded by several hundred navy blue jacketed Legionnaires from across southern Ontario. On Friday Oct. 12, after

months of organizational meetings by a dozen or so Branch 197 Legion members, the Fall Convention of District B, Ontario Command will commence at the Legion by the lake.

We ask the citizens of Acton to welcome the delegates and their spouses to our town.

Also, on Sun. Oct. 14, we extend an invitation to all residents to come out and view the parade, starting at 1 pm from the Branch to the cenotaph at Trinity United Church.

There will be lots of marching units, colour parties, and bands to be seen and heard. A great chance for you, the citizens of Acton, to show your support for our armed forces.

Finally, we invite everyone to the Branch on Sunday after the parade for a Convention wrap-up BBQ.

Let's show these folks what Leathertown hospitality is all about.

The Provincial Service Officer will be visiting the Branch on Oct. 29.

Veterans, who have concerns should contact Dave Crook, Branch 197 Service Officer.

A volunteer bartenders' Appreciation Night has been arranged by comrade Frank Single, and will be held on Friday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 pm. For further information give Frank a call.

RAMA bus trip, Saturday Oct. 27, 8 a.m. Please note, there will only be one bus.

Sign-up at the bar.

Sports.

Horseshoes: Keith Andrews is hosting a tournament this Saturday, Oct. 6. Register at noon, \$5 fee. Play starts at 1 p.m. The BBQ will be working. Talk to Keith for further details.

Indoor Entertainment.

Monday night snooker and 8-ball will be starting at 7pm on Oct 15, talk to Gary at the horseshoe pits, if the weather is fine.

The Acton Men's Industrial Cribbage League, starts on October 11.

For further info call Dobbie Frizzell at 853-2021.

Coming Events.

District B Convention, Oct. 12-14. Hosted by Branch 197.

New Members Initiation Night, Friday Oct. 26.

RAMA Bus trip, Saturday Oct. 27.

The Provincial Service Officer will be visiting the Branch on October 29.

Yours in comradeship,
Jim Hayes, Branch 197 PRO.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Our Ladies hosted the zone qualifying darts Sat. Sept. 29 in Acton.

Margaret Bromby and Norma Titus placed third in the doubles.

A big thank you to the Branch for supplying us with the dart boards and setting them up. Everyone has a good time. Greatly appreciated. Special thanks to president Wes and George De Rabbie for picking them up and returning the dart boards.

Yours in comradeship,
L.A. President
Annamarie Lowin



Leaf Raking and Snow Shoveling Help for Seniors

It's that time of year. The leaves are beginning to fall. Seniors can receive help with raking and bagging leaves, and general fall clean up. These services are provided by qualified individuals at an affordable cost.

Before snow flies, put your name on our snow clearing list. You will be matched with a Home Maintenance Worker who will provide snow clearing at mutually agreed upon price.

For help with these services and more, please call Kim @ 905-873-6502

Service Canada comes to Acton

Acton residents can now enjoy the convenience of accessing a Service Canada location right in Acton, at 47 Mill St East, on alternate Wednesdays. Upcoming dates are Oct 17 and 31, Nov 14 and 28 and Dec 12. Visit the Service Canada Outreach location 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and skip the drive to Georgetown.



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