

Increase in drunk drivers concern police

By Frances Niblock

"It's 11 people too many."

That's the bottom line for Halton Sergeant Brian Carr concerning the holiday R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) statistics that show

a 64 per cent increase in the number of drunk drivers charged this year over last year.

In District One, which includes Acton, Georgetown and Milton, 11 people were charged with having over 80-milligrams of alcohol in 100-millilitres of

blood during December, compared with seven last year. Of the 11 charged this holiday season, nine were also charged with impaired driving. Sergeant Carr believed that all seven of the drivers charged last year faced both impaired and over 80 charges.

Halton-wide, police stopped more vehicles

this year – 28,108 compared to 24,644 in 2008, and arrested 67 people for impaired driving offences compared to 60 in 2008.

This holiday season police also conducted 236 roadside breath tests compared with 287 the year before.

"We're not happy," Sergeant Carr said on Friday. "Quite frankly, if the num-

ber read zero, it would be something to be excited about, but we still have 11 impaired drivers out there and we don't know how many we missed," he said, speaking of District One.

"Far too many impaired drivers don't seem to be getting the education message and we'll continue spot checks for the remainder of the year," Carr

said, adding he did not know if the charges were laid at R.I.D.E. spotchecks or by uniformed officers on regular patrol.

Halton-wide, police laid 67 impaired-related charges – 31 for over 80 and 35 for impaired. They stopped 28,108 cars Region-wide and administered 287 roadside breath tests.



PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION Heritage Register for Halton Hills

Council for the Town of Halton Hills wishes to inform all residents and business owners of a project that the Town is undertaking to identify properties of heritage value in order to update its Heritage Register. Residents and business owners are invited to attend a public information session to obtain information on the process and the proposed additions to the Register, as part of Phase 1 of a multi-phase project.

The Heritage Register as specified in the *Ontario Heritage Act* is intended to assist municipalities in identifying their heritage resources, and is not the same as designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, in which a permit would be required for alterations to the heritage features of the property. Listing on the Heritage Register is an important heritage conservation tool, which allows the Town the ability to consider all options, ranging from proceeding to designation to removing the property from the Register.

The Public Open House will include a brief formal presentation at 7:00 p.m., followed by a question period. Display boards will contain information to provide a context for the public to ask questions and engage in discussion with Town staff.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

DATE/TIME: Thursday January 28, 2010,
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Presentation at 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Civic
Centre, 1 Halton Hills Drive,
Georgetown

FILE NO: D01/HE Heritage Register

Residents or business owners wishing further information on the Heritage Register process are encouraged to contact Steve Burke of the Planning Department at: (905) 873-2601 ext. 2254 or stevebu@haltonhills.ca. The list of properties proposed for addition to the Register can be found on the Town website, as an attachment to Report PDS-2010-0002 on the Council Agenda of Monday, January 11, 2010, at <http://www.haltonhills.ca/calendars/>.

To view the current information on the Heritage Register please visit the Town webpage at: <http://www.haltonhills.ca/residents/pdf/heritageRegister.pdf>.

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ONE ACT PLAYS: Students at Acton High School will present three one act plays on January 19 at the school. The cast and directors took time from a busy rehearsal schedule to take this photo. -Submitted photo

Acton students stage three plays

Acton High School's senior drama class is a flurry of activity with students cramming to memorize lines, create sets, gather props and develop costumes all before the evening performance on January 19th of a series of One Act Plays.

Of the three plays presented, each is directed by a Grade 12 student who is hard at work piecing their play together. Nickee Nielsen is directing the play "Apostrophes" by Bradley Hayward. She is very excited to direct for the first time. "It has been a challenge because I have a large cast. I am really excited for the performance. I think it going to be very funny!" Nielsen said.

Hayley Gendron is also trying her hand at directing

with the macabre comedy "Not Enough Rope" by Elaine May. "This play will not only toggle with the imagination of the audience, but make them wish they had considered wearing a diaper to the show!" said Gendron. And finally, the comedy "Owl" by Cleve Haubold is being directed by Kara DeVaan. This play is sure to leave the audience in a state of confused shock and wanting more. "Directing is a lot of fun but also a lot of work" DeVaan said.

All of the actors will be working hard in the next few days, and are looking forward to presenting the plays. The show begins at 6:45 in the Acton District High School drama room. The admission price of \$3. Space is limited, so all seating is on a first come first serve basis.

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