


Chair's Corner with Regional Chair Gary Carr



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Halton is safest in Canada

For the third year in a row, Maclean's magazine has named Halton Region the Safest Place to Live in the Greater Toronto Area, and the Safest Regional Municipality in Canada.

Maclean's based its ranking on aggregate results of the Statistics Canada 2009 per capita crime rates and Crime Severity Index (CSI) scores in six personal and property crimes: homicide, sexual assault, aggravated assault, auto theft, robbery and breaking and entering.

I know that this ranking is the result of our residents, business owners and municipalities, working hand in hand with the Halton Regional Police Service, to ensure we have a safe place to live, work, raise a family and retire. I want to thank everyone who has done their part to prevent crime in our Region because it is only by working together that we can continue to build a better, safer community.

We are so fortunate to have such a strong police service in Halton. The Halton Regional Police Service is recognized around the world for its excellence in crime prevention and public safety initiatives. In fact, in 2010

Halton Regional Police Service opened a new police station in Oakville; announced that Halton's crime rates are decreasing; and won a prestigious provincial traffic safety award.

The Halton Regional Police Service has undertaken key programs to make Halton a great place to call home, including Speedi (pronounced "Speed Eye"), that displays speeds of passing motorists and takes video pictures of speeding vehicles and their licence plates. Road Watch is another great program, that enables residents to report dangerous or careless drivers to the police either by phone or by filling out an online form. A warning

letter is then mailed to the driver, advising them of their reports actions.

Other programs are SmartRisk, an internationally-recognized program geared to teenagers that promotes awareness of the consequence of risk, and DARE -Drug Abuse Resistance Education - targeted to sixth grade students that promotes the dangers of drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and provides students with a decision-making model to assist them in making positive choices.

As a member of the Police Service Board, I am proud of the hard work and dedication of our Police Chief, Deputy Chiefs, officers, civilians, volunteers, elected officials, and community partners alike who have all contributed to our designation as The Safest Region in Canada.

Congratulations to the Police Service and to the Halton community as a whole.



EDIBLE HOUSE: These intricate – and no doubt tasty – gingerbread houses made by Acton's Linda Inglis, were on sale at Trinity United Church's bazaar and tea on Saturday. – Frances Niblock photo



BUDDING ARTIST: Acton's Gabby Leadbeater, 2, enjoyed making artwork using ink and marbles last Wednesday with Corene Jonat, a sensory arts coordinator with the Bob Rumbel Associations for the Blind and Deaf-Blind. Acton kids were invited to create art, and work of Association clients is on display in a sensory art show at the Roxy, until the end of the month.

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