

Letters



Acton is a great place to live

Dear Editor,

Acton is a great place to live. When I moved here from Brampton seven years ago, I was continually surprised by the amount of kindness, compassion and helpfulness that I received from business keepers and residents here. On Thursday, I was surprised again. I felt compelled to let everyone know of my experience.

I was driving home from Giant Tiger on Wednesday evening and my transmission died in route. It was rush hour and my car was rolling down hill on Mill Street East just before Victoria Avenue. I put it into park and put my hazard lights on. Some people honked their horn and yelled at me, but also quite a few stopped and asked if I was okay and needed any help.

Unfortunately none of them had a spare transmission that I could use. The only gear that worked was reverse. I got my husband to come and he drove it in reverse to Acton Motors. When I called Norm the next day he agreed to look at it. He was very nice and reassured me that everything was going to be okay. I was worried because my husband had to go to Brampton on Friday for chemotherapy. He offered a courtesy car and told me don't worry about it, just get him to his appointment. I had to tell someone about what a nice gesture that was and how nice most people in this town were. So thank you to those anonymous strangers who stopped, and thank you Norm for helping me.

Jennifer Gerrard

Hallowe'en happy

Hi,

I just wanted to say thank you for arranging this event. I have two small kids and we live on an acreage just outside of town. Since my kids don't get to trick or treat door to door in our neighbourhood, they had a ball doing this on Saturday downtown. My

son was exhausted, he slept for two hours after the event.

It was a great day and a wonderful idea.

Thank you again.

Christina Caulfield

Editor's Note: This letter was sent first to the Acton BIA office.

Lock it or lose it

With the holiday season on the horizon, the Halton Regional Police Service reminds citizens to be cognizant and diligent by locking their vehicles and hiding valuable items.

Following these proactive recommendations may stop thieves from stealing your valuables:

- Lock your vehicle and remove all valuable items from

plain view. Items such as: GPS units, laptops, wallets, cellular phones and any other item of monetary value.

- Simply locking your vehicle while valuable items are still visible inside provides a false sense of security. Thieves will smash the windows in order to gain quick access to these valuables.

- Be particularly cognizant

when purchasing expensive electronic equipment and then storing it in your vehicle. The best alternative is to transport these items directly to your home. If this is not a feasible option, lock the valuable item in the trunk of your vehicle.

- Do not leave your vehicle running, unlocked and unattended while warming up in the driveway. Thieves have stolen vehicles from various driveways while they have been left operating unattended.

- Don't enable these thieves to steal your valuable items. Remove the opportunity and reduce your likelihood of being victimized.



ALL IN THE FAMILY: A walk in Prospect Park was a family affair for the Hogterp clan, of Acton on Saturday afternoon, as they enjoyed a lakeside stroll.

— Denise Paulsen photo

Halton police call for Cadet candidates

Halton police want applications from Halton residents, ages of 19 – 24, with a keen interest in policing for the 2011 HRPS Police Cadet Work Experience Program.

The Service will hire six cadets to start a one-year paid work term to start in May 2011. Ideal candidates will have completed their post-secondary education and graduated by spring 2011, have a strong interest in becoming a police officer, and will be of good moral character and habits.

Interested candidates are invited to attend a recruiting open house on Saturday, November 20,

from 10 a.m. to noon at the HRPS Headquarters Cafeteria, on Bronte Road in Oakville. Candidates can also apply online until Thursday, November 25 at www.haltonpolice.ca.

“Our cadet program is essentially geared toward local residents aged 19-24 who may have taken a police foundations or law and security program but who may be a bit short on experience,” explained Sergeant Val Taylor of HRPS Recruiting. “Many of former police cadets have gone on to become Halton police officers, so it is an excellent way to gain some additional job-related experience and skills prior to going to the Ontario Police College.”

Selected Cadets receive specialized training and are assigned to work 11-hour shifts on a four on/four off rotation, as part of the Police Reporting Centre located at Police Headquarters and in each District. Responsibility

ities include staffing the call centre, completing occurrence reports for designated incidents, providing front-line support to members of the public, assisting full-time police officers with major incidents, and representing the Service at a variety of community events.

“By taking some low-priority tasks away from front-line constables and freeing them up for other duties, our ability to deliver effective and efficient police service as a whole is enhanced,” said Taylor.

If short-listed, potential Police Cadets will go through a selection process which involves interviews, psychological testing, background investigations and medical examinations.

For more information about the Cadet program, including a complete list of applicant requirements, visit www.haltonpolice.ca/JoinUs under Be A Police Cadet.

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