

As I write this column, we have had little snow compared to what has fallen around us. Touch wood! Halton Hills has been like the hole in the donut as heavy snow has fallen all around us. We know snow storms will come, so we have to be prepared. The Town's public works crew will do their very best and you can help too. Please don't shovel your driveway's snow onto the road. If you have a fire hydrant near or on your property, please shovel the snow around it, so in case of an emergency, the firefighters will be able to find it and perhaps save your home, or more importantly, save you.

Congratulations to Georgetown Figure Skating Club, Georgetown Globe Musical Productions, Lorne

Mayor's Corner

By Rick Bonnette



Scots Canadian Army Cadets and Roxy Community Music Place who recently had successful applications for Trillium grants. They have been collectively awarded \$251,700. These funds will go a long way to help these organizations improve the quality of life in Halton Hills.

Farwell to Halton Hills Planner Bruce MacLean. After serving the Town for over 30 years, Bruce has decided to hand in his planning maps for a well earned retirement. Bruce was instrumental on many planning initiatives over the

years. Best of luck to Bruce, and enjoy your retirement in good health. Also, a very happy retirement to Rob Ustrzycki in our By-Law department.

Congratulations to Regional Councillor Jane Fogal and Clark Somerville as they were recently elected by their regional peers to serve as Chair of Administrative and Finance and Health and Social Services, respectively.

During the holidays, it is also a time to reflect and be thankful for all of the essential services such

as police, fire, ambulance, and our own public works department, in keeping our community safe.

No rest for the wicked. Council will resume work immediately after the holidays, as we will be in budget deliberations beginning on the evening of January 4.

I'd like to congratulate the following stores that have opened in the past month:

The Bergamot in Acton, and Young Dentistry in Georgetown.

I'd like to wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year. I can be reached by telephone at 905-873-2601, ext. 2342, or by email at mayor@haltonhills.ca or you can read my blog at www.rickbonnette.blogspot.com. Keeping it real.

Fresh food success

Low-income families, seniors and new Canadians will continue to have easy access to modestly priced fresh fruit and vegetables through the Halton Fresh Food Box program. Since 2004, the program has delivered pre-packed boxes of locally grown produce to participants. In Acton, there are two drop-off locations with a once-a-month delivery schedule.

Halton has signed an operating agreement with the Halton Fresh Food Box to supply 8,000 boxes of produce this year. The annual cost of the program is \$53,000 for food, salary and operating expenses, along with Regional funding, the program received funding from the Trillium Foundation and Ministry of Health Promotion.



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I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with their friends and families and are looking forward to a happy and healthy 2011.

The Centre will be closing at noon on Friday, December 31. We resume normal opening hours starting at 9 a.m. on Monday, January 3.

On Tuesday, December 28 at 10 a.m., we had a movie morning followed by a social afternoon. What a great way to relax, enjoy some company and catch up on what everyone has been doing over the holidays.

This is the second year we have been open during the holiday season. Some



ACTON SENIORS' RECREATION CENTRE

BY JULIE CONROY

people are not always able to visit with friends and families, and the Seniors Centre is a warm and welcoming spot to visit or just to drop in and pass the time of day.

Everyone enjoyed the final Christmas lunch for 2010 thanks to the Friday morning lunch ladies: Joyce, Helen, Alison, Cassie and Eileen plus all the others who jump in and help set tables and clear tables when needed. A lot of effort and thought goes into the menus every

week. On January 7, it will be the monthly pot luck. Everyone always enjoys them, and the variety of food is always amazing.

On Wednesday, the bus went to Rama as usual. Acton Seniors do enjoy visiting Rama no matter what the weather!

On Tuesday, January 4 at 1 p.m. the movie will be *Eat, Pray, Love* based on a best selling novel. Michelle has done a great job of selecting movies that everyone has

enjoyed. The following Tuesday will be an action comedy, *Knight and Day* starring Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz.

The art class took a break over the holidays and will resume on Wednesday, January 12 at 1 p.m. and I understand the Bid Euchre players intended to play their usual Thursday afternoon game.

Don't forget that your membership should be paid by December 31. It's no good putting your loonie in the box if you have not renewed for 2011, as the drum is emptied and only paid up members' names are in the drum.


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