

Who will be the lucky 2000 bell-ringer?

inging in the new millennium just got a whole lot simpler. All it takes is a buck and a lot of luck to become the official bell-ringer at Milton's upcoming millennium bash.

Then, as the sand runs out on the millennium's hourglass, the lucky winner will take centre stage to ring the next 1,000 years in on the town's antique bell.

"(The winner) will be the person who'll ring in the new millennium. It's a pretty big deal," said Milton 2000 committee chair Paul Scherer. "Most people don't even see a new millennium."

But no one can win without a ticket for the Jaycees-sponsored lottery.

And all proceeds will be funnelled back into the event to make it the splashiest New Year fete ever.

Winning ticket drawn Christmas Eve

Tickets are on sale until December 23. A winner will be drawn and notified on Christmas Eve.

In the past, the bell-ringing ceremony has taken place at Victoria Park.

But that didn't make sense this time around, since the pulse of the party will beat along Mill Street between Martin and James streets.

So for one time only, the bell will leave its traditional home by Town Hall to take pride of place amid a throng of up to 10,000 revelers.

"What we didn't want was people leaving the Martin Street party to go to Victoria Park," said event organizer and Jaycees president Jamie Krane.

"Last year there were about 300 to 400 people at the bell-ringing and we didn't want all those people leaving at midnight."

Time capsule to be stored at park

Aside from ringing the bell, the lottery winner will have their picture added to a time capsule aimed at displaying life in Milton in 2000.

The capsule will be housed in Chris Hadfield Park.

But the bell-ringing is only a part of the festivities at the blowout New Year bash the whole town is invited to attend.

The homegrown talent of Elvis (Steve Kabokos), Three Men and a Drum Machine, Serene and Flesch will be spotlit on two separate stages.

Indoor entertainment will likely take place at Holy Rosary, St. Grace's Anglican and St. Paul's United and Knox Presbyterian churches downtown.

And for those who get their kicks in the fast lane, there's always the soap box derby to try.

If that works up an appetite, food will be in the offing, as well as a beer garden for adult celebrants.

Fireworks to light up sky

The event will culminate with a dazzling fireworks display over the Mill Pond.

Bell-ringing lottery tickets can be purchased at Delacourt's, Jo'Leens, Country Mile, Gold Connection, Nature's Fire, Subway (both Main Street and Market Drive locations), M&M Meats, Spokes 'N' Slopes in the Milton Mall and Dr. Paula Cassin's dental office.



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Mayor Gord Krantz, right, takes a practice run at ringing in the new millennium while Jaycees president Jamie Krane, left, prepares for the sound. But a new contest will allow a resident to do the real honours at the town's New Year's bash.

Citizens invited to name subdivision

A new neighbourhood is coming to Milton, but it needs help in finding the perfect name.

Developer Mattamy Homes is reaching out for local participation in the naming of a 5,000-home community set to begin construction west of James Snow Parkway and south of Derry Road in the new year.

And be creative, since whoever dreams up the best name will win a week-long trip for two to Newport Beach in Southern California.

"Mattamy is looking forward to this exciting new community in Milton," said Mattamy marketing manager Laura Brohman. "We're very interested in wider audience.

receiving community input."

Signs erected at the site since September have invited residents to try their hand at selecting a name for the community, which will feature Mattamy's trademark WideLot homes with front porches, recessed garages and large windows facing the

The homes will also be placed close to the road to encourage neighbourly relations and pedestrian traffic.

So far, about 200 names have been put in the hat.

That number should increase dramatically as news of the competition reaches a

Only one other Mattamy neighbourhood has been named through this process and that was 'The Orchard' community in Burlington.

That process was so successful, the company decided to try it again.

"It went very well," said Ms Brohman. "It was excellent and we love the name."

The contest runs from now until January

To enter, call 905-824-0553 and leave your name, telephone number and community name of choice.

Participation is limited to those aged 18 and over.

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