

✓ Entries for parade are way down

Entries in this year's Santa Claus Parade are down 50 per cent from last year, says Paul Scherer, parade committee volunteer.

"While the committee is still confident there will be a last-minute rush, they want people to know it's still not too late to get involved in this important community event," he said.

"This year, more than ever, the community needs a lift in light of the gloomy news following the events of September 11. The Santa Claus Parade might just be the best thing that could happen right now."

Last year, there were about 100 entries in the parade, including floats, walking groups and local clubs.

Because of the slow-moving interest in participation, the parade date has been somewhat pushed back this year — moving a week later on the calendar to November 25 at 2 p.m.

This year's highlights include the internationally-renowned Teen Tour Band from Burlington.

For more information on the parade or to get involved, contact Laura McKee at (905) 878-6347 or Paul Scherer at (905) 878-9124.

✓ Victims in fatal crash identified

The identities of two people killed in a two-vehicle crash last Friday evening have been released.

Dr. Andrew Pura, 37, and his wife Margaret, 34, of Oakville died after their car struck a tractor-trailer unit head-on on Regional Road 25, south of Derry Road.


Police say the couple's northbound 1992 Mazda Protege travelled into the southbound lane into the path of the transport truck shortly before 7:30 p.m.

Mr. and Ms Pura were pronounced dead at the scene of the crash.

The driver of the tractor-trailer unit, Andrew Algera, 51, of Owen Sound wasn't injured.

The accident is under investigation by the Halton Regional Police public safety unit.


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