

Salvation Army hoping for record food donations

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The Champion

The Salvation Army is hoping for record donations this holiday season as it prepares for the Firefighter's Food Drive tomorrow.

"This food drive gets us through most of the year. We don't have any other food drives this big," Laurie Good, Salvation Army family service worker, said adding she anticipates a larger need this year than in years past.

"Due to the September 11 terrorist attacks, there have been some layoffs."

Last year, the drive collected about 14,500 pounds of food and the Salvation Army's Milton branch handed out 130 holiday hampers to families in need.

Tomorrow morning, Milton firefighters and other volunteers will make their way through town collecting donation bags filled with non-perishable food items. The bags were distributed in last Friday's Champion.

"People just fill the bag up and put it on their front step," Ms Good explained. "The firefighters or volunteers pick them up and put them in their trucks."

Donations collected tomorrow will be added to the 2,200 pounds of food items collected during the Santa Claus Parade Sunday.

"The whole town is very, very generous. This time of year it's overwhelming," said Ms Good. "The generosity just never ceases to amaze me — money, toys, food, whatever they're donating."

Financial donations are also being accepted at Loblaws and A&P grocery stores as well as the Salvation Army building on Nipissing Road.

Donations will also be accepted at both the Liquor Store and Beer Store starting next month. All funds will be used to purchase food and toys for holiday hampers.

Food donation boxes can also be found at local Loblaws and A&P grocery stores.



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Salvation Army family services worker Laurie Good anticipates a larger need for help this year.



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FREE SKATING

Make time for "FREE SKATING" as Tim Hortons is sponsoring public skating at the Town of Milton arenas on weekends in December and over the Christmas Holidays. On Saturday, December 8th, join Mayor Gordon Krantz at Tonelli Arena as he hosts public skating in partnership with Tim Hortons.

Please note that due to the "Skates Alive" performance on Sunday, December 2nd at Memorial Arena, the free public skating sponsored by Tim hortons has been cancelled. The Town of Milton regrets any inconvenience this may cause.

	DATES	TIME	LOCATION
December 2001	Sat. Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22	1:15 - 2:45 pm	TONELLI SPORTS CENTRE 217 Laurier Ave. 905-878-2671
January 2002:	Thurs. Jan. 3 Sat. Jan. 5	2:00 to 3:15 pm 1:15 to 2:45 pm	
December 2001:	Sun. Dec. 9, 16, 23	1:00 - 2:30 pm	MEMORIAL ARENA 77 Thompson Rd. 905-878-4163
January 2002:	Wed. Jan. 2; Fri. Jan. 4 Sun. Jan. 6	2:00 to 3:15 pm 1:00 to 2:30 pm	

WINTER SNOW CONTROL BULLETIN

Winter is coming. With winter, comes snow!

Sometimes a lot comes at once, which means snow-covered streets and sidewalks.

When a snowstorm occurs, the Town of Milton starts its road clearing operations - plowing, sanding, salting and removal - as soon as possible. However, our crews can't clear every street immediately, so snowplows are assigned to designated areas in this order of priority.

- First:** Major arterial/collector and regional roads and downtown main streets
- Next:** High priority rural roads used by commuters and school buses
- Then:** Industrial roads and remaining arterial/collector and rural roads
- And Last:** Local residential streets and rural gravel roads including cul-de-sacs

While we know that many people would like their residential street cleared sooner, we ask that people be patient. Given that winter weather conditions are unpredictable and often change, as soon as possible is the best answer we can give you. And, until our crews are able to clear the major roads, it may not be safe for you to go anywhere.

Emergencies:

- In cases of medical or other emergencies, our snow clearing crews respond to calls for assistance from the police, fire and ambulance

Sidewalks:

- The Town clears the sidewalks of the property it owns, school routes and downtown core
- All other property owners - business and residential - are required by By-law to clear snow and ice from their sidewalks

Pedestrian Trails/Walkways:

- The Town maintains walkways in specific areas, mostly those used by small school children or senior citizens for direct access to a specific area

How to Help:

- Please ensure that all vehicles are off the street following a storm. **There is a By-law in effect from November 15th to April 15th that does not permit overnight parking on any street between 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.**
- Please don't place snow from driveway or sidewalk on street
- Please keep sidewalk clear
- Please drive carefully. When walking, watch for vehicles that may be unable to stop quickly.

For up-to-date information during the winter season, call our snow control hotline at 905-878-7252 (select menu option 1) or visit our web site at www.town.milton.on.ca

MILTON COMMUNITY FUND

Town of Milton Council recently approved the distribution of \$204,705 in grants to 24 organizations and six individuals for the second funding period of the 2001 Milton Community Fund. The purpose of this funding program is to provide financial support for activities that enhance the quality of life within Milton, or enhance the image of the Town. Council is pleased to support Donna Mortimer, Gail Czerwinski, Hilary Flynn, Karen Scott, Marie Sutcliffe, Peggy McPhail and the following organizations whose proposals varied from equipment needs, volunteer training, to event and promotional support.

- 2990 Milton Army Cadets
- Arts Milton
- A Cappella Showcase
- Campbellville Area Business Association
- Canadian Red Cross - Milton Branch
- Children's Assessment & Treatment Centre
- Halton Junior Farmers
- Halton Region Federation of Agriculture
- Milton Community Nursery School
- Milton Concert Presentations
- Milton Curling Club
- Milton District Hospital Auxiliary
- Milton Girls Baseball Association
- Milton Minor Baseball Association
- Milton Minor Hockey Association
- Milton Players Theatre Group
- Milton Tennis Club
- Navy League of Canada - Milton Branch
- Ont. Electric Railway Historical Association
- Ontario Steam & Antique Preservation Association
- Pesticide Alternatives for Milton
- Rotary Club of Milton
- The Allendale Foundation
- Thompson Meadows Guiding District

For more information about the fund, and this round of approved grants, please visit our website at www.town.milton.on.ca or contact Joy Anderson, Coordinator, Community Development at 905-702-3143.