

With Winter Comes Snow

The Community Services Department is responsible for snow removal services for the Town of Milton. When a snowstorm occurs, the Town starts its road clearing operations as soon as 2 inches of snow have accumulated. However, our crews can't clear every street immediately, so snowplows are assigned based on the following priorities.

A first priority roadway is an arterial road such as Ontario Street, Steeles Avenue, Derry Road, etc. that experience highest traffic volumes and/or provide inter Regional transportation. Next in priority are collector streets that feed these main roadways followed by the remaining residential streets. Once all residential streets are plowed, a re-plowing process starts to clear up snow that may have been left due to cars parked on roads. While we know that many people would like their residential street cleared sooner, please recognize that until our crews are able to clear the major roads, it may not be safe for you to travel anywhere.

Parking

Following any storm, please ensure that your vehicles are not parked on the street or sidewalk as they make plowing conditions unsafe and could restrict access by emergency services. Please note that the Town Uniform Traffic Control By-law prohibits any interference with the Town snow removal activities. Vehicles may be tagged or towed at the owner's expense if they interfere with the Town's ability to carry out snow plowing and/or removal activities.

Sidewalks

The Town is responsible for clearing approx. 48 km of sidewalks and first cleared are properties owned by the Town, school routes and the downtown core in Milton and Campbellville.

All other property owners/occupants - business and residential are required by by-law 13-95 to clear snow and ice from sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours after a snowfall. If you have a physical disability and reside on property where this by-law applies, exemptions can be made if you have filed a medical certificate with the Town of Milton's Community Services Department.

Driveway Markings

Be sure to properly mark decorative curbing and wood ties that parallel driveways as the Town of Milton is not responsible for any damages. To help reduce the chance of damage, areas that touch sidewalks and curbs should be tapered.

Wishing for Warmer Weather? Share your memories of Rotary Park Pool

Current and former residents are encouraged to submit your favourite memories and/or mementos of Rotary Outdoor Pool for inclusion in a scrapbook commemorating the fun times had by those who used the pool over the past 40 years. The existing pool will be replaced with a new pool in 2003 and the scrapbook will be incorporated as part of a time capsule.

The person submitting the most memorable submission, as judged by a group of Milton residents, will receive a special family swim season pass for the first summer of the new pool's operation. All entries should include your name and contact information and can be mailed or delivered to the attention of Janis Young, Supervisor, Customer Service, Milton Leisure Centre, 1700 Main Street East, Milton, Ontario L9T 2Y2 or sent via e-mail to:

janis.young@town.milton.on.ca. The deadline for submissions is March 31st, 2003.

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Staffing and recruiting big issues for police this year

By ROBB SWYBROUS

Special to The Champion

Halton Police Chief Ean Algar puts recruiting and staffing issues at the top of the list of initiatives regional police are hoping to tackle during 2003.

Chief Algar said retirements expected over the next 12 months should increase the need to hire more rank-and-file officers for the service. "There are a number of (officers) who are eligible to (retire). That certainly has the potential to have a major impact on us. Obviously our recruitment issues are going to have to remain a priority."

Within the hiring initiative, said the chief, will be a push to encourage an increased number of visible



Ean Algar

applying for policing jobs.

As the area's population

minorities

grows, he said, so too does its number of visible minorities and s the need for

in turn increases the need for regional police to reflect that demographic.

"The issue of diversity is not one that's just kind of finished and gone away," Chief Algar said. "We're growing (by) about 2,000 visible minorities each year in the region of Halton. We need more of our visible minority community to apply."

Chief Algar said the 2003 police budget of \$61.7-million that was passed recently by the Region includes money for police to create a new seniors' liaison officer position.

Chief Algar said that officer will be hired in the new year and be in charge of co-ordinating initiatives designed to support and include the region's seniors in community policing.

"There's a large group of seniors in our community that have a lot of valuable time and expertise to help contribute to our organization."

Chief Algar noted a third issue facing police this year is what to do with aging district stations, including one located in downtown Burlington.

He said the service will look at whether extensive renovations to increase the building's size and improve its functions will suffice. Failing that, the service might consider moving the district office.

Halton Region

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There's one last thing to unwrap.

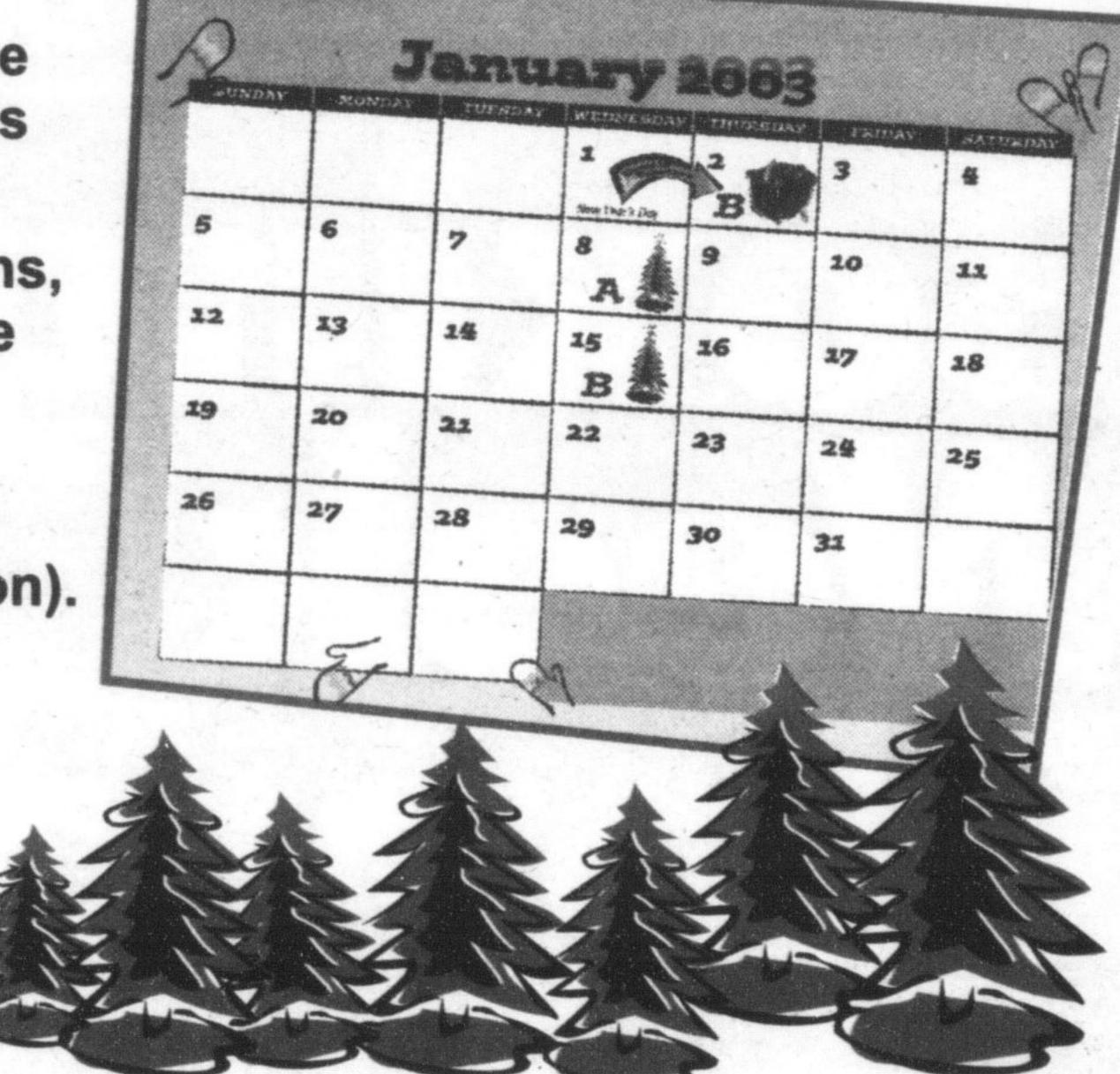
Before you place your tree at the curb, make sure it is ready to be recycled.

Please remove decorations, bags and wires, and place your tree at the curb before 7:00 am of your collection day (same day as your blue box collection).

Christmas tree collection dates:

Milton

Zone A - January 8
Zone b - January 10



Public Information Session about the New Ambulance Station being built on regional property at the Allendale Long-Term Care Facility Childs Road/Hwy 25 in Milton

January 9th, 2003 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Halton Regional Police Service Division 12 (Community Room) Childs Drive/Ontario St. (across from Milton Mall)

Join representatives from Halton EMS to learn about the new station and to ask your questions!

Everyone is welcome!!!

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