


# Ride in memory of OPP officer killed while cycling

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The Region is reminding motorists to be watchful for cyclists and pedestrians enjoying the weather and fall colours in the coming months.

In keeping with the theme of road safety, Halton is supporting the first annual Share the Road Ride this Sunday.

The 60-km ride — organized by the Mattamy Homes/Aquila Racing Club in conjunction with Racer Sportif — is being held in memory of OPP Sgt. Greg Stobbart, an avid cyclist who was struck and killed by a truck on Tremaine Road this summer while on a training ride.

The objective of the ride is to heighten awareness about the need for drivers and cyclists to share the road safely and the importance of creating safer roads for cyclists.

Riders will meet at the Milton GO station parking lot on Main Street and

set out at 10 a.m.

For more information or to register on-line visit <http://www.racersportif.com/BicyclesBelongRide.htm>.

Halton has undertaken a number of other efforts to enhance safety on regional roads this fall. It's teamed up with the Halton Regional Police Service for an innovative road safety campaign, Drive SAFE (Safety Awareness for Everyone).

The aim of the campaign is to make speeding and aggressive driving less socially acceptable, while reminding drivers to be aware of their surroundings when driving.

To highlight these issues, the Region and police created the 'Speeding Costs' road signs that remind drivers entering Halton of the costs associated with speeding and distributed driver safety awareness posters across Halton.

The police, Region and Regional Cycling Committee also developed two 30-second bicycle safety public service announcements.

Last but not least, Halton initiated

its Share the Road program designed to remind cyclists and drivers that they both have a responsibility to obey the rules of the road and must share it appropriately.

## Test your driving skills Saturday

Gentlemen — or women — start your engines.

The first Milton High Performance Auto Slalom will roll into town Saturday, giving local novice drivers a chance to test their skills.

The event, organized by the Milton Road Safety Committee and the Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs, Ontario region, also aims to take street racing off the road.

It'll take place at the Milton GO station on Main Street from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with experienced competitors coming from all over the province to take part.

There'll also be 25 novice spots

offered on a first-come, first-served basis for those who are 18 years old or over, fully insured and fully licensed.

Vehicles will be inspected to ensure no modifications have been made that could impair their safe operation.

Then, participants will accompany an experienced driver once or twice around the serpentine course before going solo in their own vehicles.

Ontario Transportation Minister Donna Cansfield will be in attendance.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. For more information, contact Milton Roads Safety Committee chair Jan Mowbray at (519) 853-4492 or e-mail [jan@janmowbray.ca](mailto:jan@janmowbray.ca).

## Gardiner to stay for rest of term

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attend some event that the school was presenting those were always high-lights," she said.

Along with the high points, Gardiner said there have also been some lows over the years.

She said the current composition of the board tops that list. "It's a school board that does not work together and does not serve school children."

"A low point for me was Dr. Dusty Papke leaving as director as well as two other key staff who provided much direction to our system."

She also remembers the "mold cri-

sis" that resulted in a lot of upheaval to Halton schools as portables had to be torn down and rebuilt.

"I've not always been patient, it was a low point to see how slowly we were able to move to start to build schools," said Gardiner.

An incredible low, Gardiner said, is "the loss of students and staff to illness or accidents," which she experienced numerous times over the past 11 years.

Gardiner said she plans to continue on as trustee, attending every meeting and event that she can, and supporting parents and students until a new trustee is elected.

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