

Town to celebrate 2007 with bell-ringing ceremony, New Year's Levee

The Town of Milton is inviting residents to kick off the New Year with two events that have become a holiday tradition.

This Sunday, the New Year's Eve bell ringing will take place at the historic bell in Victoria Park in front of Town Hall.

Assisting Mayor Gord Krantz in ringing the bell will be Michelle Job, who created the Town's 150th anniversary mascot, and Rose Brooks, who came up with the anniversary theme and slogan.

Residents will gather at 11:45 p.m. to ring

in 2007, and will then enjoy warm refreshments, compliments of the Ramada Inn, at Hugh Foster Hall.

The next day's Mayor and Council New Year's Day Levee will hold special meaning this year, since it kicks off Milton's 150th

anniversary celebrations.

On Monday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., residents are invited to join Krantz and councillors, along with members of the Milton Historical Society, for a meet and greet at Town Hall.



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"We incur traffic congestion because we allow development without building the roads to handle the increased volumes of traffic," he said. "We are going to take a very hard line with developers."

He also said he feels the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) reform has a role to play in the issue.

"We must fight to get the changes by the Province that will allow us to make the decisions about our development here in Halton, not by the OMB," he said, noting local councillors are the best decision makers when it comes to when and where development should go.

He went on to say he plans to use his office and his background as a former MPP to lobby the Province on other growth-related issues, like school and hospital funding.

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this week.

Conservation Halton, which owns and operates the ski hill, has implemented a beefed-up marketing plan for Glen Eden to ensure this season is more successful than the last one, when the number of visitors fell to about 137,000 — thousands less than the previous three seasons.

At press time, another opening date for the centre hadn't been set, but residents can check Glen Eden's ski conditions by visiting www.gleneden.on.ca or calling its snow line at (905) 878-5011, ext. 503.

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Historical society wants your photos

Don't throw out that old photo of Milton until you check with the Milton Historical Society archives.

Donations or loans of snapshots and professional photos of the changing community anytime during the past 150 years are welcome.

So are diaries, letters, family histories and memorabilia.

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