

# OPINION

## Inspiring night

The battle continues. Showing they have absolutely no intention of easing up in the fight against cancer, Miltonians descended on the fairgrounds in full force for this past weekend's Relay for Life.

The third annual event once again drew roughly 1,300 participants and — with pledges still coming in at press time — has raised a record \$260,000 so far.

Those are mighty inspiring figures, but no more so than the one associated with the event's growing paper chain to represent the collective number of years local survivors have lived cancer free — which is now up to 500.

Just think about that — 500 years of birthdays, anniversaries, Christmases and untold other special

memories. If that doesn't encourage people to keep supporting the cause — or to start doing so — we don't know what will.

Of course a fairgrounds track lined with luminaries and a video slide show of lost loved ones reminded us that there's still an awfully long way to go in the fight against cancer.

But it's not exactly the one-sided contest it once was. We truly are making a dent in this horrible disease, and with enough teamwork and determination there may actually come a day when we put cancer down for the count.

Until then, any progress we enjoy — no matter how small — makes events like Relay for Life more than worthwhile.

See you all next year.

## Carbon Footprint...



## ReadersWrite

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### GreenCart plan great for Halton

DEAR EDITOR:

Everyone who is hoping for a long-term, sustainable waste solution was no doubt glad to hear that Halton Region has followed many other municipalities in choosing the GreenCart program.

While some in the rural area are still not sure that it is needed where they have lots of room to compost, the urban and hamlet areas certainly need it.

We must keep organic material out of the landfill. Carbon is held in the composted material rather than released to the atmosphere to accelerate climate change.

With the Town of Markham using kitchen waste separation to reach 75 per cent waste diversion, surely Halton can do as well, and with a little sweat even reach

85 per cent.

After much criticism, from a certain Milton resident, of the current composting facility that Halton has been using in nearby Arthur for the GreenCart demonstration project, three members of Protect Our Water and Environmental Resources (P.O.W.E.R.) visited the well-run operation.

Compost is arranged in windows on a concrete pad ventilated through the bottom by air pumped in. The windows are covered with Gore-Tex, speeding up the composting process and controlling odours. Compost is then bagged and sold.

The GreenCart program is also one step in avoiding an incinerator in the centre of our region at the Milton landfill. The huge cost, the small

amount of energy produced and the pollution from deadly dioxin and nano-particles that threaten our lungs and ultimately the brain, should be reasons enough for the Region to stop the plans that have been moving steadily toward an incinerator.

Regarding the 'yuck factor of separating one's garbage', frankly I must say get a grip. Ten minutes earlier it was on your dinner plate.

Now instead of scraping the plate into the garbage, you scrape it into the GreenCart. This should be fairly easy. I'll bet that a 10-year-old could handle it.

**BARBARA HALSALL,  
PAST PRESIDENT  
PROTECT OUR WATER  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
RESOURCES (P.O.W.E.R.)**

### Careless driving in parking lot is much regretted

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter goes out to the lady with whom I nearly collided in the Canadian Tire parking lot this past Wednesday.

First, let me offer my sincerest apologies. You were absolutely correct that I was in the wrong. When I saw the terrified look of the child in your car just before our near-impact, it brought to mind that I also had my young son in the car with me and that there could have been serious consequences for us both.

Thankfully, no one was injured, but it was a

sobering reminder of how quickly an accident can happen, especially when one is not paying attention, as clearly I was not.

There are no excuses for my actions. When you are driving you must be alert and in control of your vehicle at all times. You had every right to be upset and if I were on your end I would have undoubtedly felt the same.

If anything you have given me a wake-up call to drive more carefully in the future.

**PAUL BALDASSARI  
ANDERSON AVENUE**

### Removal of Childs Drive crossing major concern

DEAR EDITOR:

I have concerns with the impending removal of the pedestrian crossing between the seniors' centre and mall on Childs Drive.

I was told a study done last April found it didn't warrant a crossing being there. Since then we have had an increase in traffic from Thompson Road. I don't feel that one study is enough as this crossing is used by many seniors to get to the centre and Allendale.

Residents of Allendale use it in wheelchairs to get to the mall. Drury Park seniors use it when walking to the mall. Residents of Halton Women's Place use it.

With this crossing being used by four groups of mostly senior residents, I feel something else should be put in place before the old crossing is taken down. And to suggest, as it was to me, that everyone could cross at the lights at Childs and Ontario Street is not — in my opinion — a satisfactory answer.

It would be especially hard to do that if you're in a wheelchair and have to make it to the main entrance of the mall, which is a far busier area.

Let's keep the crossing for people who really need it because of slower movement.

**D. GOULD  
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