

Water restrictions, bees and other end-of-summer musings

Here's just some random thoughts for the end of summer. Why? Well, because it's the end of summer.

- With the alternating watering days program, theoretically, odd-numbered houses should have greener grass because when a month ends on an odd day, such as August, they get consecutive watering days. But the greenest lawns in town are those at some of the new parks with built-in sprinkler systems. I walked through one at night recently after it was watered and almost sank to my knees.

- I'm all for the new branch of the library, especially since I'll be able to walk to it in about two minutes, but I'm surprised there's no uproar over the proposed tax increase to support it. Obviously, more money is needed, but what about the tax money from the zillions of new houses? Just wondering.

- I've been telling you about my granddaughter for years, well, since she was born, and next week she's starting school. Time passes quickly, but you don't need me to tell you that. I used to love the first day of school. It was all the days following it that I didn't like so much, at least until the last day.

- My sister has taken a post with the Ontario and Canadian governments in New Delhi, India for two years. She has an armed guard stationed outside her house, and a panic room inside with a radio phone. You'd think that would make you worry less, but then you have to wonder why it's necessary to have them in the first place.

- It's easy to criticize local government. It's not so easy to give them credit for good things because then it just means they're doing their job.



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For one thing, I like the job they do disseminating information through the Town website and with the Talk of the Town newsletter.

- Is it just me, or is there an inordinate amount of bees around this year? My favourite comedian, Dane Cook, isn't worried about them. He says he would punch bees in the face.

- September is my favourite month of the year. The weather is great, and hockey and football are getting started while baseball is becoming more meaningful. People I know from out of town rave about the Milton Farmers' Market in September, as if we have some type of secret fruits and vegetables society that makes everything taste so much better than anywhere else.

- There's a new way to help you quit smoking. You can read about it at www.stopstudy.ca. Basically, you fill out a survey, and they provide the smoking cessation materials for free through a participating pharmacy. Carriage Square Shopper's Drug Mart and Campbellville Pharmacy are the pharmacies in this area. I know a couple people who are trying it now, but let me know if it works for you.

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